



## Richard A. Raines

August 27, 1946 - October 2, 2019

Richard Alvah Raines, age 73 of Conyers, died Wednesday, October 2, 2019. He was preceded in death by his parents, Alvah and Lorene Raines. He is survived by his wife of 53 years, Brenda Raines; son and daughter-in-law, Steven and Sally Raines; daughters and sons-in-law, Becky and John Hall, Jennifer and Michael Butler; grandchildren, Austin Raines, Wesley Butler, Nathan Hall, Brooke Butler and Chelsea Hall. Mr. Raines was owner and operator of Raines Automotive. Funeral Services will be held Saturday, October 5, 2019 at 4:00 p.m. at Scot Ward's Green Meadow Chapel with Rev. Michael Dawson officiating; a private interment will follow at a later date. Family will receive friends Friday, October 4, 2019 from 5 until 8 p.m. at the funeral home. Condolences may be submitted on-line at [www.scotward.com](http://www.scotward.com). Scot Ward Funeral Services, 699 American Legion Rd., Conyers, GA, 770-483-7216.

# Cemetery

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## Fairview Memorial Gardens

164 Fairview Rd.

Fairview Memorial Gardens,  
GA, 30281

# Events

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**OCT** **Visitation** 05:00PM - 08:00PM

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Scot Ward Funeral Services at Green Meadow  
Memorial Gardens

699 American Legion Road, Conyers, GA, US,  
30012

**OCT** **Service** 04:00PM

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# Comments

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“ Sherry-Cowan Hardware lit a candle in memory of Richard A. Raines



Sherry-Cowan Hardware - October 08, 2019 at 09:46 PM

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“ Good bye, my sweet high school friend. You will be greatly missed by all who knew you. My thoughts and prayers are with Brenda and family. ~ Sue Lowe Allmon

Sue Allmon - October 05, 2019 at 11:22 AM

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“ My late Husband Ray and I first met Mr. Raines on Flatshoal pkwy and Wesley Chapel Rd. Mr. Raines was a household word in our home, He was family! We always referred other's to Raines Automotive great service. Mr. Raines will truly be missed. He was truly a gentle giant his kindness and compassion for his customer's will never be forgotten! Oh how we loved his sense of "humor" was amazing!!!!!!!!!!!!!!  
‡Our Deepest Sincere Sympathy.‡ Ms. Swink and Daughter's Kristie and Kandace

Diane Swink - October 05, 2019 at 10:27 AM

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“ I have so many wonderful childhood memories at the Raines' home or with them at the soccer fields. I haven't seen him in many, many years but I can still hear his voice and see him with his swisher sweet cigar...just coming home from a long, hard day's work; like it was yesterday. One of my fondest memories of him is from Jennifer's wedding. He was so proud and he beamed from ear to ear. It was, simply stated, a beautiful moment to witness.

Mr. Raines, I raise my glass to you in celebration of your life and to the new adventures that await you!!

Cheryl (Stoner) Hoefling - October 04, 2019 at 07:53 PM



“ From: The Stoners and The Bruelands purchased the Sweet Solace Spray for the family of Richard A. Raines.



From: The Stoners and The Bruelands - October 04, 2019 at 07:21 PM

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“ Dear Brenda and Family. As Richard always said, no matter if day or night “Good Morning”  
We have known Richard since the days at the corner of Flat Shoals and Wesley Chapel Road. He was the BEST mechanic we have ever done business with. He will truly be missed by all. Deepest Condolences to the Raines Family.  
Dave, Hazel LaBarrie and Family.

Dave & Hazel LaBarrie - October 04, 2019 at 05:24 PM

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“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Richard A. Raines.



October 04, 2019 at 03:14 PM

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“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Richard A. Raines.



October 04, 2019 at 03:09 PM

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“ My deepest sympathy to the Raines family; Mr Raines as I always called him even though our age was only seperated by 3 years We never got that chance to go fishing before our God called you home to rest. I told you one day Mr. Raines I do not eat Catfish so all the Catfish I pull out you can have them, your reply,( you are the first black man I have met that do not eat Catfish(in your voice)you always had a smile and always, and I do mean always was willing to help your fellow man, a great heart you had. you will surely be missed. the repair shop won't be the same without you. Sleep On My Friend, Sleep On



**charles turner** - October 04, 2019 at 11:45 AM

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“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Richard A. Raines.



October 04, 2019 at 08:07 AM

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“ William and I are so sorry to hear about Richard's passing. William and he were best friends and he will miss him so much! William and Janet Green In Canton, Georgia,

**William and Janet Green** - October 04, 2019 at 12:35 AM

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“ Brenda so very sorry for your loss, you are now a member of a club none of wanted to join. Sending healing thoughts to you and your family .

**Janet Bradshaw Page** - October 04, 2019 at 12:12 AM

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“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Richard A. Raines.



October 03, 2019 at 07:49 PM

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“ 49 files added to the album LifeTributes



Scot Ward Funeral Services - October 03, 2019 at 04:29 PM

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“ Dear Brenda and Family, I'm so sorry to hear of Richard's passing. Before Raines Automotive in Ellenwood, my Dad, Joseph Love, carried all our family cars to Mr. Raines. We were so excited when we found out Richard would be coming to Ellenwood. Richard would drop whatever he was doing when we needed help or service. Many times he put our cars ahead of others to get us on the road again. He was a special friend and a wonderful person. May God bless all. Love, Donna Love Echols, Mike Echols and Family

Donna Echols - October 03, 2019 at 04:16 PM

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“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Richard A. Raines.



October 03, 2019 at 12:51 PM

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“ Small Garden Dish was purchased for the family of Richard A. Raines.



October 03, 2019 at 12:31 PM

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“ Raines Automotive and First Class Auto purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Richard A. Raines.



**Raines Automotive and First Class Auto** - October 03, 2019 at 12:31 PM

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“ All of us at 4101 purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Richard A. Raines.



**All of us at 4101** - October 03, 2019 at 12:31 PM

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“ Hire Dynamics Team purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Richard A. Raines.



**Hire Dynamics Team** - October 03, 2019 at 12:00 PM

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“ Over the past 48 years Richard has been far more than just the guy who kept all my old cars running. He has become a true and treasured friend. I can't begin to recount the many times he has helped me out by repairing something that I thought was beyond repair, doing a "hurry up" repair because he knew I needed transportation, loaning me a car or once even offering to pay for me to rent a car on a Saturday when he couldn't get to mine until Monday.

Just walking into his office always made me feel better. I always trusted his judgment and never questioned his work. If it wasn't right the first time he kept working until it was right. My dad, who knew Richard even before I did, always said "Richard Raines is as honest as the day is long" and he was right! Richard had a special way of making each of his customers feel as if they were his best customer and friend. I'm sure many of you reading this will understand what I mean. There will never be another like him!

Richard knew most of my family and several years ago when my wife passed away after a long battle with cancer, when I told him she had passed he couldn't speak for several minutes, overcome with emotion. He cared deeply and had a huge heart and I will miss him greatly! Rest in peace dear friend. You will never be forgotten.

David Williams

David Williams - October 03, 2019 at 11:11 AM

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“ The Barber Family purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Richard A. Raines.



The Barber Family - October 03, 2019 at 10:09 AM

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“ Dear Brenda and Kids and Grandkids , I am so sorry for your loss. Myself and my brother Joe worked for Richard and his Dad both. that was back in the days of a ( SERVICE STATION ) There are so many great memories and times we all had together that there is not enough words to describe nor way to show just how much Richard and all of you have meant to us over the years. The world will not be the same without him. But know all the pain is gone now except for the pain of all that he left behind. Every time we feel sad all you have to do is remember what a special friend we all had in him. As time goes by it will get better but never be quite the same .

WE LOVE YOU ALL , Pat & Joe White

Pat & Joe White - October 03, 2019 at 10:05 AM



“ Joe thought the world of Richard. He was his mentor from the first day Joe went to work for him many years ago. He will never be forgotten. Sending loving thoughts and prayers to the family in this sad time.

With love,  
Joe White & Family

Donna Darlene - October 03, 2019 at 12:37 PM



“ I am deeply saddened by Richard's passing. I have know Richard since the 4th grade and we have had many great memories through high school and into college. He was one of those great but rare characters you are honored to meet in life. My prayers are with Brenda and the family.

Ray Teems - October 03, 2019 at 09:43 AM



“ To Richard Raines family. I would like to a minute to say how sorry I am to here about Richard passing. Over the past thirty years or more when I first met him . His personally had never had changed When you walk in his office. If he was sitting in his chair at his desk. With his cigar .He would look up at you .What need or how can I help you . What I love about Richard was he took so much pride in what he did and how he did it in helping so many people over the years . If you brought your car in and it needed a lot more work than the car was worth. Richard would be honest and tell you. Go get another newer one that you would not be spending money all the time on .And run this one in the ring of fire and let it go by by . We all around here that had the opportunity to know him in life that he had touch in someway are truly going to miss him . I know I sure will. God will be with you and your family . Phil Bullock

Phil Bullock - October 03, 2019 at 07:35 AM



“ Dear Brenda & Family,

Our hearts are broken for all of you. We had learned recently about Richard's illness but

had no idea how serious it would become.

We have many fond memories of you all going back around 40 years ago when we built

your house just down the road from our own and the many times Richard would

graciously come by our house and pick up a vehicle we would need to be repaired. We

had the ultimate trust in Richard to take care of our repair needs.

Richard was one of a kind and we loved him and you also, Brenda. Richard could always make Ernest laugh and that was a really good thing!

We'll see you all soon.

With our sincere sympathy, thoughts, memories and prayers,

Ernest, Peggy and Shea Kirkpatrick

**Peggy Kirkpatrick** - October 02, 2019 at 10:29 PM

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“ Dear Raines Family...

We're so sorry to learn of Richard's passing. We have many fond memories of Richard over the years. During the time my family had the florist in front of Richard's shop, he'd keep our delivery van up & running for us, even after the passing of my father. We did business with him for many years after selling the florist. May God comfort each of you as only He can & hold you near in the days ahead. Sending prayers for each of you.

Linda Keener (Billy Keener)  
Gina, Tyler & Spencer Johnson  
Craig & Geri Keener  
Mike & Rhonda Keener



**Gina Johnson** - October 02, 2019 at 07:24 PM



“ I am sorry to hear of the passing of a friend and great mechanic. He was the best. He kept me on the road over forty years. Once I broke down in Nashville Tennessee and I let Mr. Raines know and he sent and got my car and repaired it and called me to come and get it out of his way,(smile). You don't find people who do that for you anymore. I'll miss him dearly. I will hold on to the memories for now, knowing that I'll see him again in eternity. Praying for Brenda & the family.

Charles Harris

**Charles Harris** - October 20, 2019 at 02:54 PM