



Richard Vernon Bodie

December 20, 1961 - April 21, 2026

Ninety Six, SC

Richard Bodie

Richard Vernon Bodie, 64, passed away on Tuesday, April 21, 2026, at his home surrounded by his family.

Born in Greenwood, and a son of the late Harold Bodie and Thelma Gregory Bodie, he was the husband of Debra Cockrell Bodie. He was a hardworking and dedicated man who gave 32 years of service as a grinding room operator with Southern Brickyard Company in Ninety Six before his retirement. Known throughout the community as a true “shade tree mechanic,” Mr. Bodie had a remarkable gift for fixing small engines and was always willing to lend a helping hand. Neighbors and friends alike would bring their equipment to him, trusting his skill and patience to get it running again.

Mr. Bodie was a faithful member of Ninety Six Congregational Holiness Church, where he found strength in his faith and fellowship among his church family. Above all, he will be remembered for his willingness to help others, his steady work ethic, and the quiet way he served those around him. His legacy lives on in the many lives he touched through his kindness, generosity, and dependable nature.

Surviving alongside his wife of 11 years are, two daughters, Virginia “Ginny” Gregory and Kimberly “Kim” Gregory (Reggie Phillips), a special nephew, Noah Cochran (Devon), all of Saluda, five grandchildren, Tyler Bryan (Nichole), Austin Bryan (Trista), Maliki Gregory (Samantha), Emmanuel Gunter (Taylor Comer), and Sieanna Phillips, six great-grandchildren, five siblings, Jimmie Bodie of Saluda, Beverly Benson (Rick) of Blythewood, Randall Bodie (Jennie) of Saluda, Belinda Bodie of Greenwood, and Karen Robertson (Rick) of Greenwood, a step-mother, Sue Bodie of Laurens, three step-siblings, Terry Gregory, Sheila Alexander, and Wendell Gregory (Jan), a half sister, Susan Erskine (Charlie), and numerous nieces and nephews.

Mr. Bodie was preceded in death by a great-grandson, Rowan Luke Bryan and a step-brother, Bobby Gregory.

A memorial service will be held 2 p.m. on Sunday, May 3, 2026, at Ninety Six Congregational Holiness Church, 1917 Hwy 246 South, Greenwood, SC 29646, with Pastor Yvonne Taylor officiating. The family will receive friends one hour prior to the service.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Ninety Six Congregational Holiness Church, c/o Yvonne Taylor, 4265 Hwy 702, Chappells, SC 29037

Please share your memories and condolences online at www.rameyfuneralhome.com.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 3. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Ninety Six Congregational Holiness Church
1917 Hwy 246 South
Greenwood, SC 29646

Memorial Service

MAY 3. 2:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

HP

“ *Hospice & Palliative Care of the Piedmont wishes to extend its condolences to the family of Richard. We considered it a privilege to care for Mr. Bodie during his illness.*

Hospice & Palliative Care of the Piedmon - April 28 at 10:03 AM

SM

“ *To the family of Ricky, my brother Doug Abney was a friend/ co worker of Ricky's and I know that they are both in heaven now catching up on life. May you all be blessed with the peacefulness the Lord can give in this sad time.*



susan Abney McLaughlin - April 27 at 07:02 PM

CG

“ *Deepest condolences to your family, may Richard rest in eternal peace*



Cyteria Gantt - April 26 at 10:35 AM

JA

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with you.
Janice Powell*

Janice - April 23 at 08:42 AM

ES

“ We were classmates in school, I'm sorry to hear of his passing. He was a good friend, we hung out a lot of times. He could make you feel better on a bad day. Rest in peace my old friend.

Erwin Summer - April 22 at 08:44 PM

BM

“ Brandi M. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Richard Vernon Bodie.

Brandi M. - April 22 at 04:44 PM

EM

“ Sorry to hear about the passing of Ricky. Met him through my brother's when they were all in school. My God Bless you all..Ernestine



Ernestine Mckinney - April 22 at 12:30 PM

PH

Sorry to hear about Ricky. As pastor I knew his mother, sister Karen Robertson, Jimmie, and Lynn. Have been praying and will continue to pray for the family!!!
Pastor Carroll Harrison
South Greenwood Assembly of God

Pastor Carroll Harrison - April 22 at 10:01 PM