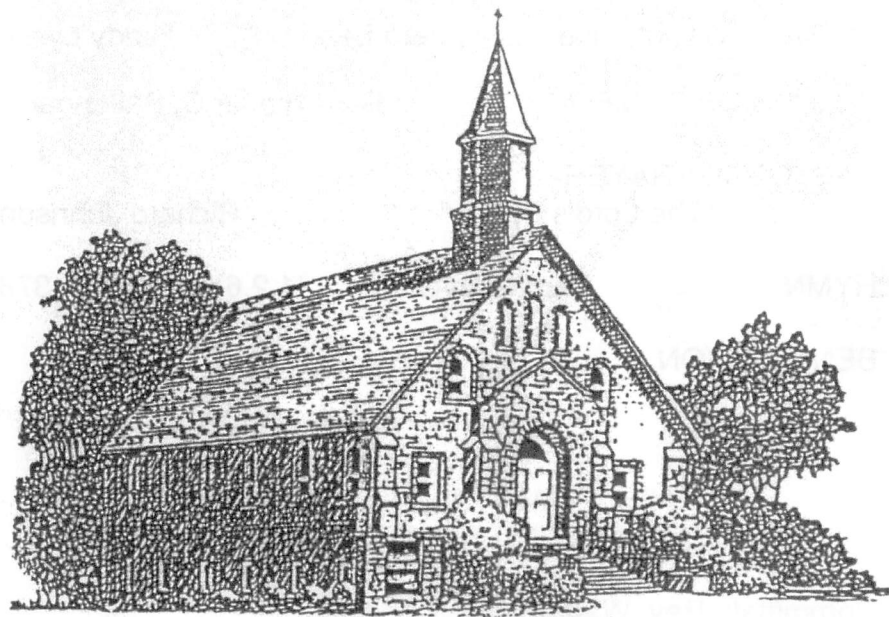


*When I Must
Leave You*

When I must leave you
for a little while,
Please do not grieve
and shed wild tears
And hug your sorrow
to you through the years.
But start out bravely
with a gallant smile;
And for my sake
and in my name
Live on and do
all things the same,
Feed not your loneliness
on empty days,
But fill each waking hour
in useful ways,
Reach out your hand
in comfort and in cheer
And I in turn will comfort you
and hold you near;
And never, never
be afraid to die,
For I am waiting
for you in the sky"

Helen Steiner Rice

*Greenbrier United Methodist Church
681 Greenbrier/Mossydale Road
Winnsboro, South Carolina
September 13, 2007*



I was glad when they said unto me; let us go into the house of the Lord.

Memorial Service

For

*Richard "Ricky" Henry Thomas, Jr.
August 23, 1946 – September 11, 2007*

Order of Worship
For
Richard Henry Thomas, Jr.
September 13, 2007

GREETING

HYMN: "What a Friend We Have in Jesus" 526

WORDS OF COMFORT: Rev. Ron Pelton (John 14:1-4)

MUSIC: "Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us" Tandy Lyles

WORDS OF COMFORT Rev. Walter C. Ballenger III

PASTORAL PRAYER
"The Lord's Prayer" Richard Johnson

HYMN: "Amazing Grace" (1,2,6). 378

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THE COMMITTAL WILL FOLLOW AT
GREENBRIER UNITED METHODIST CEMETERY

Committal: Rev. Walter C. Ballenger III
Prayer: Rev. Ron Pelton (Psalm 23)

David Williams, Organist

PALLBEARERS

Bill Castles
Les Young
Michael Cathcart
Sam Edenfield
Kenny Ray Ashford
Furman White

HONORARY PALLBEARERS

Frank Wilkes
June Wilkes
Davis Robinson
Marion Robinson
Jimmy Douglas
Blease Smalls

RICHARD HENRY THOMAS, JR.
AUGUST 23, 1946 - SEPTEMBER 11, 2007

Richard "Ricky" Henry Thomas, Jr. was born in Columbia, S. C., on August 23, 1946 and died September 11, 2007

He was a son of Quay W. and Lucy L. McMaster and the late Richard H. Thomas, Sr.

Rick was a graduate of Greenbrier School and served in the U. S. Marine Corps. He retired from South Carolina Electric and Gas and was the owner of Thomas Garage.

He was a lifelong member of Greenbrier United Methodist Church, founding member and president of the Greenbrier-Bethel Volunteer Fire Department, past president of the Fairfield Service Center Advisory Council of the American Red Cross and the Fairfield County Council on Aging. He served on the board of the Central South Carolina Chapter of the American Red Cross and volunteered with numerous services and civic organizations including the United Way and the Fairfield Community Food Bank.

Surviving are his wife of 17 years, Mary Lou Coates Thomas; two daughters, Laura Thomas and Dawn (John) Broadway; one son, James Quay Thomas; and one granddaughter, Amanda Broadway.

He was predeceased by his father, Richard H. Thomas, Sr. and a brother, James Myer Thomas.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Greenbrier United Methodist Cemetery Fund, P. O. Box 212, Rion, S. C. 29132, or to the American Red Cross, Fairfield Service Center, 117 E. Washington St., Winnsboro, S.C. 29180