



## Mr. Richard Edgar Dellinger

November 18, 1954 - August 1, 2020

Richard Edgar Dellinger, “Dicky”, 65, accomplished musician and friend to many, died peacefully at home Saturday, August 1, 2020 after a brief and brave fight with the Corona Virus.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Blair Price and Edgar Dellinger. He was the eldest of three brothers and is survived by siblings: Stanley P. and Auby B. Dellinger; nephew, Zachary Dellinger, niece, Mary Blair Dellinger, his great-nephew, Collin McEwen, and a large extended family with whom he remained close.

Richard graduated from Spring Valley High School and earned a degree in Psychology from The University of South Carolina. He was an avid athlete and participated in the boxing club while attending USC, completed several triathlons, and taught martial arts as a black belt in karate for much of his life.

Richard played the guitar, piano, harmonica and was also a gifted vocalist, he was a self-taught musician. He had many life-long friends and was kind and generous to all. Richard was one of the first of the “minimalist movement” and cared much more about relationships, family and friends than acquiring material things. His most recent career was working with special needs adults as a caregiver at the Midlands Center. He formerly spent many years working in the public-school system with special needs children and teens. His heart was huge for those who struggled.

Like many highly intelligent people, Richard was always seeking to learn and grow. His loyalty and faithfulness were appreciated by all who were blessed to know him. To bring someone a laugh or a smile was the point of most conversations and remarks. His wit was sharp and legendary, his musical talents also legendary. He will be greatly missed.

The funeral service for Mr. Dellinger will be private. Shives Funeral Home, Trenholm Road Chapel, is assisting the family. A livestream will be available 6 o'clock Tuesday, August 11th by visiting <https://www.shivesfuneralhome.com/current-webcast/>.

In lieu of flowers, please make donations to St. Michael and All Angels Episcopal Church Foundation, 6408 Bridgewood Road, Columbia, SC 29206.

# Comments

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“ A webcast video has been added.



**Shives Funeral Home** - August 11, 2020 at 10:45 AM

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“ I am going to miss this friend and bandmate so much! I first met Dicky back in the 90s through my sister Wendy. Dicky was the kind of person you would never forget....he was so funny as well as intriguing and unique. Once he almost had to pull out some of his karate chops out on my ex-husband after a night of a group of us had been sippin' and playing pool at the Elbow Room.....glad it didn't come to that! For years afterwards we would laugh and joke about that night and how we kind of wish he had...LOL! Later down the road we would be in a band 'Cardboard Suitcase' together. I absolutely loved playing music with Dicky over the years....he really knew how to color our songs with his smooth keyboard and harp playing. I will miss looking at him often as we were practicing, especially playing this song by Jack Johnson entitled 'Supposed to Be'. He had studied the keyboard part and had it down pat, and he used to tell me that he though I had the drums down too which always made me feel so proud coming from him. What a sweetheart. I'm so grateful that the last time I saw him I gave him a hug and told him 'love ya' as usual. Who knew it would be the last time I would see that sweet fella. My condolences go out to Auby, Stan and the rest of the family.

Rest in Peace dear friend, see you on the other side.

Amy Jo

**Amy Jo Smith** - August 12, 2020 at 05:34 PM

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“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



**Kelcey Dickinson** - August 12, 2020 at 09:05 AM



“ Dicky was such a cutie pie!

**Amy Jo Smith** - August 12, 2020 at 09:21 PM

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“ I knew Dicky all my life We hiked the 100 mile wilderness in Maine on the Appalachian Trail then visited New York City and had a great time back in 1980 I will miss him

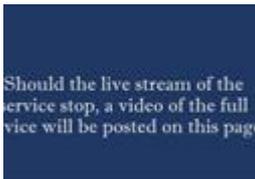
John Morales

**John E Morales** - August 11, 2020 at 07:15 PM

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**Shives Funeral Home** - August 11, 2020 at 10:45 AM

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“ Dicky was a true friend and gentleman.

**Genevieve Calmes** - August 10, 2020 at 11:08 PM

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“ Richard and i met in 1969 in the 8th grade Earth Sciences class at Crayton Junior High. We became fast friends for life. We were the proverbial brothers from another mother, and like brothers, we argued over often totally trivial stuff, but as friends we had countless profound adventures that changed our lives. We had many deep discussions about a wide-range of subjects like quantum computers, cosmology, psychology, and whatever struck our fancy. Richard could talk about anything. However, our biggest connection was the love of making music together. Richard was an incredibly gifted musician without the ego that usually goes with that, and it was blissful making music with him. At the time of Richard's passing, we were playing in the band Cardboard Suitcase looking forward to the time when this crazy Covid-19 stuff blew over allowing the music clubs to open up again and for us to get back to gigging. Sadly, this was not meant to be. You will be missed brother, and the music making will never be quite the same without you.

My condolences go out to Stan and Auby, Richard's blood brothers. I've known them for as long as I've known Richard and feel like they're part of my family as well. They are good people. I know you'll never forget your brother, but may time and distance ease the pain.

RIP Richard

**Michael Taylor** - August 10, 2020 at 08:00 PM



“ Very nice Mike: )

**Amy Jo Smith** - August 12, 2020 at 04:42 PM



“ Amen brother. There is an empty space in both my heart and practice room

**Paul Covington** - August 12, 2020 at 07:40 PM



“ I'm glad we have recordings of him shining on that keyboard! !

**Amy Jo Smith** - August 12, 2020 at 09:18 PM

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“ Matthew 5;4: "Blessed are they that mourn: for they shall be comforted"

Condolences to the Dellinger Family on the passing of their "Dear Brother Dicky" who has been taken from his Family too soon but is now no longer suffering. I served in the Navy with Stan and Auby who must now carry-on without the earthly love and support from their "Big Brother."

His leaving has created a void, but he would want you to fill the void with remembered joys, a laugh, and a realization that his memory should evoke the sunshine he is basking in with the Lord.

Your Shipmate,  
Ranzy

**Ranzy Weston** - August 10, 2020 at 03:47 PM



“ I was lucky enough to have spent a little bit of time with him.

**Justin Calmes** - August 11, 2020 at 07:59 AM

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“ Dickie was, without question, the most amazing man i knew. His musical prowess is the one reason i never gave up playing. He would take a simple song and add his touch and suddenly...there was lighrning in a bottle. I loved dickie for everything he put me through with regards to being a part of my creative process. Always the teacher...always the encouraging nudge i needed to carry on. His wit was dark but always came at the right moment. I will miss this gentle giant as long as i live. Rest in peace my friend...and dont annoy God...hes got plenty on his plate..  
Bye...for now

**Paul covington** - August 10, 2020 at 02:04 PM



“ Dicky was the nicest person we knew! Paul, well put.

**Genevieve Calmes** - August 11, 2020 at 06:10 PM



“ That's very sweet darlin': )

**Amy Jo Smith** - August 12, 2020 at 05:52 PM

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“ My Heart is sad. Richard is my oldest first cousin that made a lasting impact on my life with his brilliance and amazing talent. When I heard the news, it felt like one of the brightest stars had disappeared. We all will miss him playing the Piano at the family gatherings and having such a positive outlook on life. He made you feel important. He will always be remembered and hold a special place in my heart. I love you Richard.

May the Lord Bless you Auby and Stanley and Make his face to shine upon you and give you peace. Numbers 6: 24-26.

Love, Ann Finley Price Keyes

**Ann Finley Price Keyes** - August 06, 2020 at 08:24 AM



“ Love you baby sis

**Sam Price** - August 08, 2020 at 06:51 PM

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“ Over forty years I knew Richard AKA Dicky remained quiet and thoughtful. He is missed.

**stan burtt** - August 05, 2020 at 06:16 PM



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**Sam Price** - August 08, 2020 at 06:38 PM

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“ My cousin Dicky was kind, humble, and a caring person. He will be missed. My thoughts and prayers are with his brothers and their children.

**Alex Price** - August 04, 2020 at 09:58 PM



“ Love you brother

**Sam Price** - August 08, 2020 at 06:40 PM

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“ Dicky and I both shared a love of nature, wilderness and being a minimalist. He was much better at it than me. He could live on a dollar a day. My fondest memories are of the two of us going on 5 day wilderness trips with what was on our back. We both loved exploring the outdoors.

**Sammy Price** - August 04, 2020 at 06:49 PM



“ You were not only my Cousin but my best friend. We shared many life experiences together. You are missed and Loved

**Sam Price** - August 08, 2020 at 06:45 PM

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“ We already miss you so much Richard!! You were one of the sweetest cousins! Always kind, caring, great listener, could have wonderful conversations with you, and you had a huge heart!! I love you Richard and will see you again one day in the presences of our Lord and Savior! Mary

**Mary McGaha** - August 04, 2020 at 06:35 PM



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**Sam Price** - August 08, 2020 at 06:41 PM



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Love you sis

**Sam Price** - August 08, 2020 at 06:53 PM

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“ My heart is heavy. Richard will be missed very much. He was a kind, thoughtful, dependable and caring person. Working with him was never dull. I pray for the comfort of your family. RIP RICHARD DEIINGER.

**Jerri McGuire** - August 04, 2020 at 06:05 PM



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You will be missed Dickey. So glad I had the opportunity to know you. I share the brotherly love you had with Stan and Auby. Rip.

**Van Padgett** - August 07, 2020 at 12:21 PM

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“ Prayers are with the family and love ones.

**Staff** - August 04, 2020 at 04:34 PM



“ Mr. Dellinger you will be dearly missed! I will miss our early morning conversations at my nurses station! You were always sharing your life lessons with me 😊 Rest In Peace Mr. Dellinger

Mrs. Robinson

**Natalie Robinson** - August 04, 2020 at 03:42 PM

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“ Mr. Dellinger was a wonderful coworker, very dependable, and always very sweet to all other coworkers. You will be truly missed at Midlands.

**Fellow coworkers at Midland Center** - August 04, 2020 at 02:30 PM

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“ I will miss Richard very much..A Friend and business partner, he taught me much on many subjects.. Farewell, my Friend..

**Matt lazur** - August 04, 2020 at 01:12 PM

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“ My sincerest of condolences. My heart is heavy and I'm really sad. I worked with Richard at Gibson Jewelers together. We sat many days beside each other, laughed and talked. He was such a kind person, when even sometimes a little stubborn. I really liked him a lot. I didn't see him in many years but it made me so sad when I read about his passing. I hear him every day since I got the news I my head and all the memories come back. I'm thinking about all of you and want to send you hugs and healing energy!  
He will be remembers by a German lady.  
Tanja Keller

**Tanja Keller** - August 04, 2020 at 10:13 AM

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“ My sincerest of condolences. This is Melinda Evans' sister, Paula. God bless your family, and thank you ALL for your kindness. You are wonderful, kind hearted family. I pray that God will ease your pain. And remember, Richard is in a paradise that we cannot begin to conceive of. My heart and prayers are with your family, and my appreciation of the kindness you have shown my sister, Melinda, is something my family will never forget. God bless you all!!!

**Polly Purebred** - August 03, 2020 at 10:22 PM

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“ Richard will be greatly missed. He was a wonderful friend. I just don't have enough words to express the gratitude I have for him being a part of our lives. He helped my late husband numerous times unselfishly so many times. Night or day, he was always there.  
Forever in my heart, I love you dearly. I have always called The Dellinger brothers my adopted brothers, all three are a class act.

**Melinda Evans** - August 03, 2020 at 07:29 PM

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“ Melinda Evans lit a candle in memory of Mr. Richard Edgar Dellinger



**Melinda Evans** - August 03, 2020 at 07:23 PM



“ I did not know Richard but I know Auby and Stanley and treasure the warm and lasting friendships that we have. Learning of Richard (Dick)let me know I missed knowing a wonderful person.

Our condolences to the Family and we love you!

George and Irma Reynolds

The Summit

**George Reynolds** - August 06, 2020 at 09:29 AM