



## Richard W. Cavender

May 5, 1983 - April 23, 2025

Richard William Cavender, 41, of Newark, DE, passed away on April 23, 2025, after a brief illness. Richard was born at Wilmington Hospital on May 5, 1983, to Carol A. (nee John) and Richard B. Cavender.

As a youth, Richard played many years of baseball for New Castle and Newark Little League. He attended Hodson VoTech High School in Newark. Richard also worked and studied horticulture at the Delaware Center for Horticultural as a teen and went on to work in landscaping for many years.

In 2013, Richard went to work for the News Journal Media Group, now known as Gannett Publishing Services. Richard worked hard to learn all he could about the printing industry and worked his way up to become Press Maintenance Supervisor. Richard found joy in being outdoors in nature. He was a hunter, fisherman, and camper and enjoyed sharing these hobbies with his family. Richard also loved growing vegetables in his garden, and it brought him great joy watching his garden grow and pickling cucumbers. Richard was a God-fearing man who prayed often and read the Bible several times over.

Richard will be remembered with much love by his heartbroken parents: Carol A. and Richard B. Cavender; brother, Michael F. Cavender; sister, Jenny R. Cavender; nephew, Cameron M. Jacob, whom he loved as his own; grandfather, William E. John; as well as a host of aunts, uncles, cousins and friends. He also leaves behind his retriever, Harley, who he loved dearly. He

was preceded in death by his maternal grandmother, Nancy E. John; paternal grandmother, Dolores A. Cavender and paternal grandfather, Oscar R. Cavender.

Relatives and friends are invited to the visitation on Wednesday, May 7, 2025, from 10 – 11 AM at Strano & Feeley Family Funeral Home, 635 Churchmans Road in Newark, where a memorial service will be held at 11 AM. Interment will be private. In lieu of flowers, the family requests to please plant a tree in Richard's name.

# Cemetery Details

**Private**

## Previous Events

### Visitation

MAY 7. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Strano & Feeley Family Funeral Home  
635 Churchmans Rd.  
Newark, DE 19702  
(302) 731-5459

### Memorial Service

MAY 7. 11:00 AM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

CD

“ I can't believe it. He was born on May 5 1983 and I was born a week later on May 12. So we always celebrated our birthdays together, since we were 14 years old. (He loved being older than me, lol) I found out he passed after I sent my usual happy birthday message. I still can't believe it. I will always love and miss my brother Rich...we've been through everything. Together. Love you brother.



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**Chris Durbin** - May 08, 2025 at 06:11 PM

DM

“ Doris M. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Richard W. Cavender.

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**Doris M.** - May 05, 2025 at 10:16 PM

RL

“ Robin L. planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Richard W. Cavender.

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**Robin L.** - May 05, 2025 at 09:36 PM

DA

“ Carol and Family, we are so very sorry for your loss of Richard. Words cannot express our sorrow. He will be now be in heaven with your Mom and many other family members who will look after him. May God bless you and your family. Love, Debbie, Jim, Brenda and family.

debbie ammon - May 05, 2025 at 12:13 PM

CC

Thank you so much for kind words at this difficult time. It is much appreciated. Love Carol and family.

Carol A Cavender - May 07, 2025 at 07:04 PM

DJ

“ Deborah J. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Richard W. Cavender.

Deborah J. - May 05, 2025 at 12:07 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Richard W. Cavender.

May 04, 2025 at 04:05 PM

SS

“ So sorry for the loss of your loved one! Mrs Carol I'm keeping you and your family in my thoughts and prayers at this difficult time!  
Schnika Stewart (News Journal Family)



schnika stewart - May 04, 2025 at 10:31 AM

CC

*Thank you so much for your thoughts and prayer schnika*

**Carol A Cavender** - May 07, 2025 at 07:08 PM

JF

“ *Jeff and the Shirk family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Richard W. Cavender.*

**Jeff and the Shirk family** - May 02, 2025 at 05:26 PM

JF

“ *Jeff and the Shirk family purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Richard W. Cavender.*



**Jeff and the Shirk family** - May 02, 2025 at 05:26 PM

JS

“ *I am very sad to hear this news about my friend Rich.*

*I will never forget all the good times and memories we had growing up together. He was a great guy that won't be forgotten. I hope we meet again friend.*

*I wish his family the best in this difficult time.*

*-Jeff Shirk*



**Jeff Shirk** - May 02, 2025 at 04:50 PM

CC

*Thank you Jeff. I was looking at pictures of three of you in the yard. Thank you for the flowers and planting a tree. Carol and family*

Carol A Cavender - May 07, 2025 at 07:14 PM

JM

“ So sorry to hear of Rich's passing. He was a friend of my brother's for a long time and I always enjoyed seeing him when he came around to hang out. Rest in peace, Rich.

Jill Marrero - May 02, 2025 at 04:28 PM

CC

*Thank you for your condolences*

Carol A Cavender - May 07, 2025 at 07:18 PM

DE

“ Fort builder, deer stand constructor, Cowtown cowboy. All memories of you and Jeff as boys. I am so sad to hear this news. Wishing your family peace and strength at this difficult time. You were loved and will be missed by many.

Debbie - May 02, 2025 at 10:59 AM

CC

*I was looking at the pictures of the boys in the yard playing cowboys. Thank you so much*

Carol A Cavender - May 07, 2025 at 07:21 PM

GT

“ Gannett Wilmington Team planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Richard W. Cavender.

Gannett Wilmington Team - May 02, 2025 at 10:33 AM

GT

“ Gannett Wilmington Team purchased the Lily and Rose Tribute Spray for the family of Richard W. Cavender.



Gannett Wilmington Team - May 02, 2025 at 10:33 AM

DJ

“ I am so sad to hear about Richard Jr. He was always smiling when he and his Dad would come to visit to talk about hunting and fishing stories with Sam and me. I will truly miss him, but he will never be forgotten. You are all in my thoughts and prayers. Love Cousin Dolores



Dolores Johnson - May 02, 2025 at 08:47 AM

CC

Thank you Dolores for your prayers and gift of the remembrance keychain. Love Carol Richard and family

Carol A Cavender - May 07, 2025 at 07:25 PM

MK

“ Wish the best on the next journey old friend.

Michael Kelczewski - May 01, 2025 at 03:28 PM

CC

Thank you for remembering Richard

Carol A Cavender - May 07, 2025 at 07:27 PM



“ *Harmony Construction, Inc. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Richard W. Cavender.*

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**Harmony Construction, Inc.** - May 01, 2025 at 10:30 AM



“ *Harmony Construction, Inc. purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Richard W. Cavender.*



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**Harmony Construction, Inc.** - May 01, 2025 at 10:30 AM