



Richard Brinsley Sheridan

August 9, 1941 - July 6, 2023

Richard Brinsley Sheridan III, 81 of Garden City Beach, South Carolina passed away on July 6, 2023. Dick was born August 9, 1941, in Augusta, Georgia to William Gerald Sheridan, Sr. and Miriam Henderson Dinkins Sheridan. Dick was named for his father's beloved brother R.B. "Dick" Sheridan, Jr., a West Point cadet football player who died from injuries at the 1931 Army Yale game.

Dick is survived by his two sons Robert "Bobby" Gerald Sheridan (Lauren), North Augusta and Jonathan "Jon" Lewis Sheridan; five adored grandchildren, Isabella, Jacob, Alex, Will, and Ben; the mother of his children, Brenda Johnson Sheridan; sister and brother Claire S. Walters (Ray), Augusta and William G. Sheridan, Jr., Melbourne, FL, and many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents, his two sisters and brothers-in-law Martha S. and Thomas H. Tolbert and Katherine S. and Charles M. Mulherin, Jr.

He grew up in North Augusta, South Carolina with cherished lifelong friends, enjoyed playing sports and attending First Baptist Church of North Augusta. Dick graduated from North Augusta High School in 1959 and the University of South Carolina where he earned both a B.S. and a M.Ed and where he developed many lifelong friendships.

After college Dick began his coaching career at Eau Claire High School under the tutelage of Coach Art Baker and then on to Orangeburg-Wilkinson High School as head football coach winning the South Carolina state title in 1971. Next, he coached at Airport High School before joining the staff at Furman as an assistant under his mentor, Art Baker, and becoming head coach in 1978. He is a member of the Furman Athletic, South Carolina Athletic, and South Carolina Football Athletic halls of fame.

As head coach at Furman from 1978-85, Dick had a 74.4 winning percentage that remains the best in school history. His final year at Furman, the team won a then-school record 12 games and narrowly lost the FCS National Championship. His teams earned six Southern Conference titles in eight years and he coached eight First Team All-Americans, 75 all-conference players and five Southern Conference Players of the Year. While at Furman, he served as Furman's Athletic Director from 1983-85, earned three Southern Conference Coach of the Year honors, AFCA FCS National and Region II Coach of the Year and multiple South Carolina Coach of the Year accolades.

During his tenure as head coach at North Carolina State from 1986-92, he and his staff guided the team to a winning record in all but one season and took his team to 6 bowl games and coached four All-Americans and 31 all-conference players. He would be named the Bobby Dodd National Coach of the Year, and the ACC Coach of the Year.

At both Furman and North Carolina State, he was extremely proud of the percentage of his players to graduate.

After retirement, Coach Sheridan stayed in contact with coaches and players. He continued to support and be a mentor to coaches as they pursued other opportunities and players as they began their careers.

Coach was always humble about the awards and accolades he received and never expected after retirement to be inducted into the National Football Foundation College Football Hall of Fame in 2020, an award given to few coaches over the years. Many of his players traveled to Las Vegas to watch Coach accept this prestigious award.

The family appreciates the many friends, associates, players and coaches for their caring support and visits during the last few years.

After a private family service, a visitation will be held Sunday afternoon from 3:00 until 5:00 PM at Posey Funeral Directors, 1307 Georgia Avenue, North Augusta, SC 29841.

A Celebration of Life will be held Saturday, July 15 at 11 o'clock at Lions Field, North Augusta, SC.

In lieu of flowers, please make a contribution to your local high school athletic department or recreation department in memory of Coach Sheridan.

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL **9.** 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

Posey Funeral Directors
1307 Georgia Avenue
North Augusta, SC

Celebration of Life

JUL **15.** 11:00 AM (ET)

Lions Memorial Field
619 W. Buena Vista Avenue
North Augusta, SC 29841

Tribute Wall



“ Posey Funeral Directors created a Webcast in memory of Richard Brinsley Sheridan



Posey Funeral Directors - July 09, 2023 at 01:49 PM



“ Posey Funeral Directors created a Tribute Video in memory of Richard Brinsley Sheridan



Posey Funeral Directors - July 08, 2023 at 12:53 PM

WE

Dick was my mentor, my loyal friend, the epitome of what every coach and man ought to strive to be, and one of the most humble and finest men I have ever known. My sincerest and deepest condolences go out to Brenda, Jon, Bobby , the rest of Dick's family , his former assistant coaches and players and all who knew and admired him. I guess the good Lord has started a football team and needed the best of the best as his head coach! Rest in peace Dick Sheridan and thanks for being the man and the example you were to so many!! No question, you made a Difference in so many lives. Like so many others, I love you as a brother. Wayne

wayne Earhardt - July 10, 2023 at 10:21 AM

DT

“ *Deepest condolences to all the Sheridan family. What a wonderful coach and human being!*

donald thompson - September 19, 2024 at 05:12 PM



“ *Richard Brinsley Sheridan*

October 06, 2023 at 06:29 AM

JP

“ *To Sheridan family:
So very sorry to hear of Dick's passing.He was the ultimate example of
how a person should live and enjoy life.A gifted athlete and fierce
competitor
who truly valued teamwork, compassion, and friendship.He touched
and
enriched so many lives.I pray in the midst of your deep sorrow you
find
comfort in the cherished loving memories you shared.I will miss him.*

Jerry Priestley - July 21, 2023 at 04:31 PM

SS

“ *My sincere condolences to all the Sheridan family. A common
theme in these memories is the feeling of what a privilege it was to
play for Coach Sheridan. He got the absolute best out of all of his
players and he did it with class and respect. I can honestly say that
playing football at Furman for Coach Sheridan (along with the best
staff I've ever seen) has been a driving force in my life and taught
me that doing things with integrity and 100% effort is the way
forward...Steve Squire , class of 1987*

Steve Squire - July 15, 2023 at 10:13 AM

BT

“ Prayers and condolences to Coach Sheridan's family. He had such a positive influence on so many players. At Furman, he instilled qualities that have served myself, and other players their whole lives... class, discipline, hard work, character; just to mention a few. It was a privilege to play for him.

*Briggs Traylor
Furman 1983*

Briggs Traylor - July 14, 2023 at 11:02 AM

BA

“ Boo & Kristen Corrigan & Athletics purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Richard Brinsley Sheridan.



Boo & Kristen Corrigan & Athletics - July 13, 2023 at 04:13 PM

TW

“ Dick Sheridan had the unique ability to get the very best out of his players and Assistant Coach , he made you feel like you were the best at whatever you did for the team. You were willing to practice long hours and spend countless hour in meeting.He also had impeccable character and never downgraded coaches or prayer in public, but had the ability to lead.I was the first assistant Coach Sheridan hired as a head coach and we were loyal friends forever! He was the best and I am sure if God needs a coach, Dick Sheridan will get the job and when I follow him I hope I get an assists job. May he Rest in Peace!!

Tommie Witt

Tommie Witt - July 09, 2023 at 07:42 PM

WD

In 1967 Coach Sheridan did an amazing job as a graduate assistant coach to the young black players at Eau Claire High School. While coaching under the tutelage of Coach Roberson and his outstanding team coaches resulting in two state championship 1967 and 1968. He inspired so much in my younger brother who played defensive end. Coach Sheridan challenged him to be the best player at his position. It worked, my younger brother Theodore Harrison went on to play in the SC NC Shrine Bowl 1968 and played defensive end at Western Carolina. Coach Sheridan to me was the right person to help young minority players overcome challenges and make right decisions. I've have to this day a tremendous amount of respect for Coach.

Willie Harrison for Theodore Harrison De - July 10, 2023 at 11:59 AM

JC

I originally knew Dick Sheridan as a young boy since his mother and my mom were good friends, and we often visited in their home. He was four years ahead of me in school, and at that age four years was a lot. Dick was one of my heroes, and I'm sure at times I was a pest, but he never made me feel that way. Years later when our paths crossed at Carolina, he always went out of his way to try and help me adjust to college life. I quickly learned that he was extremely well respected on campus and was considered by most to be the best intramural athlete on campus. I am proud to say that we maintained a friendship throughout our adult lives and chatted by phone from time to time. I was extremely proud of all of Dick's accomplishments and proud to call him my friend. Dick will be sorely missed by all who knew him.

Joe Campbell - July 11, 2023 at 12:56 AM

GH

“ While I never had the pleasure of meeting Mr. Sheridan, his niece Amanda Tolbert Hite is married to my son and has always spoken so very highly of her Uncle and his positive influence on her life. Amanda is such a very fine person so it is very easy to observe Mr. Sheridan's positive influence, among others, on Amanda and others in the family. She already misses him. My family and I offer our condolences to the entire Sheridan family and pray for the soul of a wonderful and caring man. Love Gary P Hite Sr.

Gary P. Hite - July 09, 2023 at 05:05 PM

JF

“ Many years ago the Sheridan family lived next door to my family on West Pine Grove Avenue.
Dick and I graduated together from the great Class of 1959 NAHS. So many good memories made with the other neighbors and many more in the past years at our Class of 1959 Reunions.
Praying for Comfort and Pease for all the family.

Joyce Lowe Frei - July 09, 2023 at 12:49 PM



“ 4 files added to the album Life Tributes



Posey Funeral Directors - July 09, 2023 at 11:31 AM

DT

“ Coach Sheridan you came to NCSU at the right time for me. You gave me a chance to put hard work into action which resulted into success. I thank you for giving me a true chance. You were not only a great coach but you were a great man, a respectful man. Rest in Peace sir. You will be missed!

Derrick Taylor - July 08, 2023 at 03:05 PM

TC

“ Coach was my 2nd father. He saw something in me that lead to my career. I would not be where I am today without that opportunity, his knowledge and guidance. He was such an influence to me and to so many others. As he would say: We went ‘Back to Back’ in many a football Saturday and I loved every minute of it! His strategies of the game was well ahead of his time. He also taught: “Your Character & Integrity, is something you do when no one is watching”. The Big Three, Sheridan, Satterfield & Robinson are now reunited, I’m sure.

Ted Cain - July 08, 2023 at 12:33 PM

JT

“ Dick and I were in kindergarten together in Augusta, GA, with his mother as our teacher; and after we moved to North Augusta, we were in school together from second grade through high school. He was always a gentleman and a good student who had many friends. It is with great sadness that I learned of his death. Just a week ago all our family were at Garden City, and we tried unsuccessfully to find his phone number to ask him to come to our rented beach house for a meal. I am sorry we did not get to see him one last time. My condolences to all his family. I hope their many fond memories will provide some comfort.
Judy Herring Timmons

Judy Timmons - July 08, 2023 at 11:48 AM

JH

“ Coach Sheridan was a student of the game, an honorable man, and a great coach. I offer my sincere condolences to the Sheridan family.

Jeff Hoefs - July 08, 2023 at 11:21 AM



“ *Coach Sheridan will be missed. I was glad to have had the chance to see him in the years since I played. It was good to reminisce with him. Condolences to the Sheridan Family.*

*Kent Woerner
1979*

Kent Woerner - July 08, 2023 at 09:48 AM

JH

Dick Sheridan was one of those rare high level coaches who could be an intense competitor while loving and caring for his players. He had a huge positive impact on so many of us over the decades. It was a privilege for me to come to Furman under Art Baker and have Coach Sheridan as my recruiting, position and head coach. With regard to how players are treated, academics are emphasized, and a very competitive environment is maintained, I think Furman has one of the best football programs in the nation. Thank you Coach Sheridan. May you rest in peace and may your family be lifted up during this difficult time.

*Joe Holt, Sr
1979*

Joe Holt - July 08, 2023 at 12:21 PM

RW

“ *May God bless this family in this time of sorrow.*

Robert Whatley - July 08, 2023 at 04:39 AM

DS

“ To the Sheridan family my deepest sympathies and condolences. He was proud of his family. Coach Sheridan was my coach 1979-1983 and pushed me and the team harder and we practiced longer than any other college team. But he believed in us and inspired us all to be the very best players and taught us how to conduct ourselves with class. All of us wanted to excel and not to let him down. He surrounded himself with great assistants who went on to be very successful head coaches. His love for football was infectious and his love for his players was ever present from his praise to the necessary discipline. There have been many days where I hear his voice saying “get after it.....and you better carry yourself with class on and off campus”.
I am thankful for having Coach as a coach and a friend. May all of his men carry on his legacy of hard work and class. Rest in the arms of Jesus Coach.
Dan Sleet 1984

Dan Sleet - July 08, 2023 at 02:53 AM



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

July 07, 2023 at 09:58 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Richard Brinsley Sheridan.



July 07, 2023 at 09:58 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Richard Brinsley Sheridan.*



July 07, 2023 at 05:33 PM



“ *Coach Sheridan was a great Coach and an even better teacher of life's lessons to the young men he lead on to the football field throughout his career. Condolences to the Sheridan family. He will be greatly missed.*

*David Lyle
Furman 1980*

Dave Lyle - July 07, 2023 at 04:49 PM



“ *May God take our Coach with open arms, comfort his family and reunite him with our / his former Coaches and Players.*

God Bless Our Coach

*Bruce Lancaster
Furman 1979*

bruce Lancaster - July 07, 2023 at 03:54 PM



SO VERY SORRY TO HEAR OF THE PASSING OF--THE COACH.PLAYED GOLF WITH HIM MANY TIMES,SUCH A WONDERFUL MAN. OUR BEST ROUND WAS PLAYED AT AUGUSTA NATIONAL, AFTER THE MASTERS WAS OVER. PRAYERS TO HIS WONDERFUL FAMILY---LEONARD KESEL.

Leonard Kesel - October 04, 2023 at 12:03 PM