

# Richard Milton Acker

October 15, 1947 – December 28, 2024

Mr. Richard Milton Acker, age 77, of Richland Hills, Texas, passed away on Saturday, December 28, 2024, in Carrollton, Texas. Born on October 15, 1947, in Hearne, Texas, to Thomas Milton Acker and La Verne Stone Acker, Richard grew up in Richland Hills, where he graduated from Richland High School in 1965. He went on to earn a BA in Business Administration from Texas Wesleyan College before joining the Army Reserve in 1970, where he trained as a paratrooper—one of his proudest achievements.

Richard had a deep passion for heart-racing activities, especially in his younger years, often spending time water skiing, racing hot rods, riding horses, and working on motorcycles with friends at local spots in Haltom City and Fort Worth. His enthusiasm for motorcycles extended into his professional life, as he worked for Honda Town, Martin's Cycle, D&D Enterprises, and Chrome Specialties, building and selling motorcycles. Later in life, he shifted his career to become a painting contractor, running his own company and earning the respect of his clients and peers.

Throughout his life, Richard knew that the most important things were the people he loved. He cherished his time with family and friends, treasured the memories they made together, and told their stories to honor those special bonds. Richard's love for animals was also a cornerstone of his life; over the years, he had numerous dogs, including Little Bit, Magnum, Bear, BJ, Peppers, and Shelby, as well as a horse named Duke, all of whom brought him great joy.

Richard's legacy will be remembered for his love of life, his passion for speed, and the lasting impact he had on the people who were fortunate enough to know him. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to the Fund for Veterans' Assistance, run by the Texas Veterans Commission, or Richland Hills Animal Services.