



## Allen Lee Gross, Sr.

October 9, 1950 - July 1, 2016

Allen Lee Gross, Sr., age 65, of Roanoke, Virginia, formerly of Richlands, Virginia, was born on October 9, 1950 in Anawalt, WV and passed away Friday, July 1, 2016 in Roanoke, Virginia following a brief illness.

He was the son of the late Luther and Barbara Smith Gross of Roanoke, Virginia.

He was a longtime resident of Richlands and had lived his remaining days in Roanoke, Virginia with his wife, Vivian Shortridge Gross. He was a U.S. Army Veteran. He had worked at VP2 of Island Creek Coal Company as a roof bolter and safety inspector in the early 1970s. In the early 1980s, he worked at VP5 as a safety director. He won two state championships with the Island Creek Mine Rescue teams. When he moved to Roanoke, Virginia, he was a self-employed contractor.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by one sister, Barbara Darlene Gross Addison and her husband, David Addison; one brother, Luther Dale Gross; and one brother in law, James Addison.

Survivors are:

His Wife, Vivian Shortridge Gross

Daughter: Annette Gross of Pounding Mill, Virginia

Sons:

Allen Lee Gross, II and wife, Mary of Pounding Mill, Virginia

Paul Gross and wife, Kimberly of Pounding Mill, Virginia

Sister: Nancy Gross Addison of Tazewell, Virginia

Step Son: Josh Carter

Honorary Son: Andy Smith

Honorary Daughter: Jackie Smith

Grandchildren: Samantha Gross, Tyanna Gross, April Gross, Luke Gross,  
Daniel Gross, Nathaniel Gross, and Adam Smith

Great Granddaughter: Layla Smith

Nieces: Angie Bias and husband, Howard; and Renee Addison

Nephew: Todd Brown and wife, Laura

Several great nieces and nephews also survive.

A Celebration of Life service will be held at the Claypool Hill Church of Christ, 144 Forbes St, Pounding Mill, Virginia 24637, on Friday, July 8, 2016 at 6pm with the Evangelist Bob Smith and Allen Lee Gross, II officiating. All family and friends are welcome. Hurst-Scott Funeral Home in Richlands, VA is in charge of arrangements and those wishing to express sympathy online may do so at [www.hurstscottfuneralhomes.com](http://www.hurstscottfuneralhomes.com)

# Previous Events

## Celebration Of Life

JUL 8. 6:00 PM (ET)

Claypool Hill Church of Christ  
144 Forbes Street  
Pounding Mill, VA 24637

# Tribute Wall



“ *Allen Lee Gross, Sr.*

January 14, 2023 at 04:24 PM



“ *Allen Lee Gross, Sr.*

January 14, 2023 at 02:26 PM



“ *Cathy Smith lit a candle in memory of Allen Lee Gross, Sr.*



**Cathy Smith** - July 20, 2016 at 10:47 AM



*I will miss you very much. Love You*

**Cathy Smith** - July 20, 2016 at 10:52 AM



“ *So sorry for your loss. Wish I could be there. However I'm there in spirit. Love to you all. RIP Allen*



**joe and jill cerankowski** - July 08, 2016 at 03:22 PM

JF

“ Jerry & Pat Warner & Family lit a candle in memory of Allen Lee Gross, Sr.



Jerry & Pat Warner & Family - July 08, 2016 at 07:48 AM

JS

“ Janet Smith-Tolley lit a candle in memory of Allen Lee Gross, Sr.



Janet Smith-Tolley - July 07, 2016 at 08:08 PM

LE

“ Love to you all: Jon, Heidi and Rebecca Erdahl purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Allen Lee Gross, Sr..



Love to you all: Jon, Heidi and Rebecca Erdahl - July 07, 2016 at 12:02 AM

AG

“ Annette Gross lit a candle in memory of Allen Lee Gross, Sr.



Annette Gross - July 06, 2016 at 11:13 PM

AG

“ Dad was full of life he was funny loving an always the practical joker when given the chance. This was the hardest thing I ever did in life was write the obituary. He always told me he was proud of me no matter what. He accepted me for me. I love u so much Daddy! See u again, Love Sissy

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**Annette Gross** - July 06, 2016 at 06:59 PM

JS

*Annette I am so very sorry for your family's loss. He was a big part of my life for a long while and I will always fondly remember the good times*

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**Janet Smith-Tolley** - July 07, 2016 at 08:10 PM

FK

*I think you have done a fine job and should be all so proud. Not only would your Dad be proud I'm sure everyone else is. Unfortunately I've never met you .I've known your brother Allen for many years and the way he has always spoke of his family members. I'm sure all of you are all so loved.*

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**Faye Kelly-Joyce** - July 08, 2016 at 08:01 AM

NP

*Annette, everything you said about your Dad was true. Growing up on College Hill together, you could always count on Allen for the joke and the laugh. I'm sorry I was unable to attend his memorial service but hope you all received the flowers I sent and that they offered a measure of comfort to know how much he loved by those who had the privilege to know him. My love to his children and grandchildren.*

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**Naomi Gross Puckett** - July 16, 2016 at 12:41 PM

AG

“ Dad was loving, funny full of life.He joked an pranked you when ever he could.He was always there everytime thru my life.Always told me he was proud of me no matter what.I miss him so so much!The hardest thing i ever did in life is write this Obituary I think he would like it.I love u daddy always an forever,Sissy

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**Annette Gross** - July 06, 2016 at 06:49 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Allen Lee Gross, Sr..



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July 06, 2016 at 02:18 PM

DG

“ Debra Jean Griffith lit a candle in memory of Allen Lee Gross, Sr.



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**Debra Jean Griffith** - July 06, 2016 at 11:41 AM

TC

“ My sincerest condolences to the family. May God be with you during this time of sorrow and may you always remember the great years you had with him.

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**Tim Collins** - July 05, 2016 at 11:03 PM

KS

“ *Kelli Smith lit a candle in memory of Allen Lee Gross, Sr.*



**Kelli Smith** - July 05, 2016 at 09:01 PM

BW

“ *Betty Wingo lit a candle in memory of Allen Lee Gross, Sr.*



**Betty wingo** - July 05, 2016 at 07:28 PM

B1

“ *Barb (Spicer) Starling( Lowes 1989-2004) lit a candle in memory of Allen Lee Gross, Sr.*



**Barb (Spicer) Starling( Lowes 1989-2004)** - July 05, 2016 at 11:54 AM

GB

“ *Gretchen Bennett lit a candle in memory of Allen Lee Gross, Sr.*



**Gretchen Bennett** - July 05, 2016 at 11:03 AM

GB

“ My fondest memories are the times I spent paranormal investigating with Allen. I was relatively new in the field, and was highly excited about learning and sharing all that I knew. Allen saw my talents, but knew instinctly, that I needed to reign in my horses a little. He took me under his wing, and taught me what he knew, and disciplined me better. I learned better how to tap into my talents and use them better with the equipment to get better results. He was my Mr. Giles, and I was his Buffy. He was my mentor in this business and I was his student. I will miss him thoroughly. He learned to use my sixth sense and helped me get the most out of it. It came through again, as if he was telling me, in his own way he had moved on to a better life on Friday, which prompted me to contact his daughter. I don't know...I just had a sense...and Allen knew it! I will always love him and miss him.

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**Gretchen Bennett** - July 05, 2016 at 11:03 AM

PA

“ Patsy Wilson Allison lit a candle in memory of Allen Lee Gross, Sr.



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**Patsy Wilson Allison** - July 05, 2016 at 10:47 AM

JW

“ Judy West lit a candle in memory of Allen Lee Gross, Sr.



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**Judy West** - July 05, 2016 at 10:27 AM

Jackie  
Smith

“ Jackie Smith lit a candle in memory of Allen Lee Gross, Sr.



Jackie Smith - July 04, 2016 at 11:27 PM



“ Kelli Smith lit a candle in memory of Allen Lee Gross, Sr.



Kelli Smith - July 04, 2016 at 11:17 PM

BD

“ BDPS lit a candle in memory of Allen Lee Gross, Sr.



BDPS - July 04, 2016 at 07:01 PM

RS

“ Rodney Shortridge lit a candle in memory of Allen Lee Gross, Sr.



Rodney Shortridge - July 04, 2016 at 07:00 PM

RK

“ Roy And Jill Kinder lit a candle in memory of Allen Lee Gross, Sr.



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**Roy and Jill Kinder** - July 04, 2016 at 02:10 PM

HB

“ Howard & Angie Bias lit a candle in memory of Allen Lee Gross, Sr.



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**Howard & Angie Bias** - July 04, 2016 at 01:58 PM