



Elijah C. Stiltner

September 20, 1987 - February 1, 2026

Elijah C. Stiltner, age 38, of Pounding Mill, Virginia, passed away on Sunday, February 1, 2026, after a courageous and hard-fought battle with cancer. Surrounded by love, Elijah met his passing with strength, grace, and unwavering determination.

Elijah was the son of Tina Muir and his stepfather, Ronnie Hurt. He was born on September 20, 1987, and spent his life rooted in the hills and community of Southwest Virginia. Elijah was a graduate of Richlands High School Class of 2005. He graduated from Southwest Virginia Community College and later attended Radford University. He proudly served his country in the U.S. Army National Guard, including a deployment to Qatar. After the military, he worked as a corrections officer in the prison system before retiring due to his cancer diagnosis.

He was known for his kind heart, quiet strength, and the deep love he held for his family and friends. To those who knew him, Elijah was someone you could depend on—steady, genuine, and always willing to help without expecting anything in return. Throughout his illness, Elijah faced each day with remarkable bravery. His resilience and perseverance were an inspiration to all who walked alongside him during this journey. Even in the most difficult moments, he continued to show care for others, leaving a lasting impression on everyone he encountered. Though his time with us was far too short, Elijah's legacy of strength, love, and perseverance will live on in the hearts of those he leaves behind.

He is now surrounded by those he loved who preceded him in death: his brother, Josh Mercer; maternal grandparents, Nell and Bobby Muir; paternal grandparents, June and Garland Stiltner; his uncle, Bobby Muir; and his aunt, Dana Sayers.

Elijah will be deeply missed by his family, friends, and all who were fortunate enough to know him. He is survived by his loving mother, Tina Muir, and her husband, Ronnie Hurt of Raven, VA

Aunts:

Becky Fox and her husband, Mike, of Richlands, VA

Freda Breedlove of Tazewell, VA

Sandy Lowe and her husband, Grant of Doran, VA

Judy Horne of Wardell, VA

Special fur babies, Cayde and Sam

Several cousins, great cousins, and special friends also survive.

Special thanks to the staff and nurses of Legacy Hospice, Dr Fady Tawadros, and the Duke University Brain Cancer Center.

Funeral services for Elijah C. Stiltner will be at 1:00 PM on Wednesday, February 4, 2026, at the Hurst-Scott Funeral Chapel in Richlands, Virginia, with Zach Helton officiating. Interment will follow at the Clinch Valley Memorial Cemetery in Richlands, Virginia, with the Casey-Shortt VFW Post# 9640 conducting Military Rites. Pallbearers will be Nathaniel Ringstaff, Cooper Hurst, Drew West, Robert Muir, Zachary Muir, Jamie Hurt, and Ronnie Hurt. A visitation will be on Tuesday night at the funeral home beginning at 6:00 PM. Hurst-Scott Funeral Home in Richlands, Virginia, is in charge of arrangements, and those wishing to express sympathy online may do so at www.hurstscottfuneralhomes.com

Cemetery Details

Clinch Valley Memorial Cemetery

3201 West Front Street/US 460
Richlands, VA 24641

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 3. 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

Hurst-Scott Funeral Home
1401 2nd Street
Richlands, VA 24641
<http://www.hurstscottfuneralhomes.com>

Funeral

FEB 4. 1:00 PM (ET)

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1401 2nd Street
Richlands, VA 24641
<http://www.hurstscottfuneralhomes.com>

Tribute Wall

TO

“ *My lovely momma bear Tina! Please hang in there! Mom has him!! So sorry!! I be praying for you all my love Sue!!* ”

Tonkie - May 22 at 07:45 PM

SP

“ *Lij was a little younger but I grew up with his brother Josh who loved him dearly. Sorry Tina* ”

Shannon Patrick - February 06 at 12:45 PM

UN

Oh sorry Tina we will miss you

Unfortunately - April 10 at 08:09 AM

UN

Sorry to hear about Elisha internet box isn't working properly some prisoners called and hasn't been the same since

Unfortunately - April 10 at 08:10 AM

MM

“ *Missing you Elijah, my thoughts are with your family. You were a wonderful person and I'm better for having known you!* ”



Michelle (Zikes) Maxwell - February 05 at 10:12 PM

SS

“ *Sheery Sturges lit a candle in memory of Elijah Stiltner*



Sheery Sturges - February 04 at 01:50 PM

MI

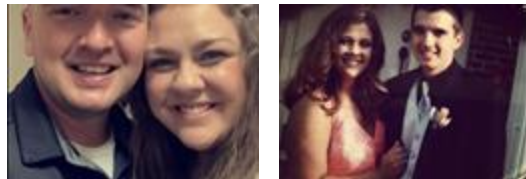
“ *Michael lit a candle in memory of Elijah Stiltner*



Michael - February 04 at 12:54 PM

LC

“ *2 files added to the tribute wall*



Linda Crawford - February 04 at 08:28 AM

LC

“ *I'm so sorry you are suffering. Elijah was so loved by so many people. He certainly touched our lives in such powerful and positive and loving ways. We're so honored to have known him. We met him and grew to love him through Madison Singleton, and he quickly became our 'kid' also.*

Linda Crawford - February 04 at 08:21 AM

RA

“ Ret. Sfc Evans, Adam purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Elijah C. Stiltner.



Ret. Sfc Evans, Adam - February 04 at 07:29 AM

RA

“ Ret. Sfc Evans, Adam planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Elijah C. Stiltner.

Ret. Sfc Evans, Adam - February 04 at 07:29 AM

BR

“ Tina, I'm so sorry to hear of Elijah's passing. Stuart really thought so much of him. He will be missed by all that knew him.

Bill and Brenda Richardson - February 04 at 12:09 AM

JB

“ Jamie Beavers lit a candle in memory of Elijah Stiltner



Jamie Beavers - February 03 at 09:25 PM

JB

“ So sorry for your loss Tina. Praying for you and your family. We love you.

Jamie Beavers - February 03 at 09:24 PM

RB

“ Sending our sincere condolences Tina , So very sorry for your tremendous loss of your son, Elijah 💔
Ricky & Rue Blankenship



Rue Blankenship - February 03 at 08:59 PM

DW

“ Donna Senic Whaley purchased the Love's Journey for the family of Elijah C. Stiltner.



Donna Senic Whaley - February 03 at 08:24 PM

FS

“ Faye Shortt lit a candle in memory of Elijah Stiltner



Faye Shortt - February 03 at 07:35 PM

AL

“ We express our condolences to the family of Elijah, the best is yet to come, we never like losing a loved one who is close to us, he fought the good fight and his battle is over, no more pain, he is blessed.



Al Lester - February 03 at 06:36 PM

AH

“ Angie & Allen Horton purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Elijah C. Stiltner.



Angie & Allen Horton - February 03 at 03:59 PM

AH

“ Angie & Allen Horton planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Elijah C. Stiltner.

Angie & Allen Horton - February 03 at 03:59 PM

SL

“ Seth and Ashley Lanter purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Elijah C. Stiltner.



Seth and Ashley Lanter - February 03 at 02:25 PM

JJ

“ joann coffman joyce sent a virtual gift in memory of Elijah Stiltner



joann coffman joyce - February 03 at 02:21 PM

BG

“ Thank you for your Service to the Country. RIP SIR

Blake R Gregory - February 03 at 02:21 PM

JJ

“ Prayers for you Tina I'm so sorry

joann coffman joyce - February 03 at 02:20 PM

BW

“ Brian Wright lit a candle in memory of Elijah Stiltner



Brian Wright - February 03 at 02:09 PM

SB

“ Tina, I am so very sorry for your loss. I am praying for you & the family during this extremely difficult time.



Susan Ball - February 03 at 02:04 PM

ST

“ Elijah was such a great person I am very sad to hear of your family's loss. He will missed in our community thats for sure!
Stuart Richardson

Stuart - February 03 at 12:26 PM

PF

“ Philip Fogleman purchased the Blue Caribbean Bouquet for the family of Elijah C. Stiltner.



Philip Fogleman - February 03 at 10:36 AM

CR

“ TOO A HONORABLE MISSED FRIEND OF MINE, YOU WILL BE MISSED...FLY HIGH BUDDY....



Chris R - February 03 at 09:54 AM



“ Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Elijah C. Stiltner.



February 03 at 09:54 AM

PN

“ Patsy Newberry lit a candle in memory of Elijah Stiltner



Patsy Newberry - February 03 at 09:20 AM

SR

“ Sheri Rasnake sent a virtual gift in memory of Elijah Stiltner



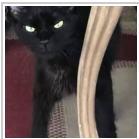
Sheri Rasnake - February 03 at 02:05 AM



“ Sharon Keene lit a candle in memory of Elijah Stiltner



Sharon Keene - February 03 at 01:42 AM



“ Davie Horton lit a candle in memory of Elijah Stiltner

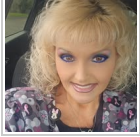


Davie Horton - February 03 at 01:03 AM

SG

“ I worked with Elijah at Cuzs for sometime. He was dedicated, hard working, driven, respectful, and kind to everyone. He was very helpful to all of us and never slacked on pulling his weight. I was very proud of him and always knew that he wanted to leave a legacy of love and kindness in this world. I will keep his family and friends in my prayers today and the days ahead. Prayers and hugs. SKG your Cuzs family.

Sharon Gemmell - February 02 at 11:51 PM



“ Our sweet *Elijah*, I'll love you & miss you forever. Always so proud to tell everyone you was my handsome baby cousin. I loved hugging you tight & telling you how super proud of you I was and just watching you grow up into the most kindest & sweetest guy ever. Aunt *Tina* I love you so much and my heart breaks for you I'm praying the Lord wraps you in his love & comforts you through this horrible loss of your baby boy. I'll see you again *Elijah* I love you ...tell *Josh*, momaw, popaw & *Dean* I love them to.. ❤️

Kimberly Meadows - February 02 at 10:57 PM

TR

“ Terry & Bobbie Ray lit a candle in memory of *Elijah Stiltner*



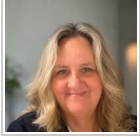
Terry & Bobbie Ray - February 02 at 09:37 PM

KM

“ Kathy Mcvey lit a candle in memory of *Elijah Stiltner*



Kathy Mcvey - February 02 at 09:24 PM



“ Thoughts and prayers for Tina and the family. Elijah was a special young man. He will be missed by many.



Lisa Cordle - February 02 at 08:42 PM



“ Wendy Joyce Reedy lit a candle in memory of Elijah Stiltner



Wendy Joyce Reedy - February 02 at 08:20 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Elijah C. Stiltner.



February 02 at 08:11 PM



“ Tina, I am so deeply sorry for your loss. I am holding you in my heart and praying for you. You were a wonderful mother to Elijah, constantly showing your love for him, and I know he loved you dearly. I know that him and Chase are together now and watching over us. Love, Iris

Iris Stilwell - February 02 at 08:10 PM



“ *Lauren Faller lit a candle in memory of Elijah Stiltner*



Lauren Faller - February 02 at 07:44 PM

BL

“ *Brett Lockett planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Elijah C. Stiltner.*

Brett Lockett - February 02 at 07:31 PM

BL

“ *Brett Lockett purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Elijah C. Stiltner.*



Brett Lockett - February 02 at 07:31 PM

AM

“ *Anita McGlothlin-Gibson lit a candle in memory of Elijah Stiltner*



Anita McGlothlin-Gibson - February 02 at 07:12 PM

JS

“ Jessica Smith lit a candle in memory of Elijah Stiltner



Jessica Smith - February 02 at 06:47 PM

SM

“ Sherry Cordle Marshall lit a candle in memory of Elijah Stiltner



Sherry Cordle Marshall - February 02 at 06:40 PM

CC

“ Cathy Cordle lit a candle in memory of Elijah Stiltner



Cathy Cordle - February 02 at 06:27 PM

SH

“ Tina so sorry to hear about Elijah. We've have known him ever since he was born. He was always well mannered and very courteous. My heart goes out to you. Love and prayers for u all.
Shirleen and Jabo

shirleen hagy - February 02 at 06:00 PM

MC

“ *Mary Cassity lit a candle in memory of Elijah C. Stiltner*



Mary Cassity - February 02 at 05:54 PM

KS

“ *Tina, My heart breaks for you. May the Lord bring you comfort in the days ahead. Sending much love to you and your family*



Kathy Sneed - February 02 at 05:54 PM

KJ

“ *Karen Jackson lit a candle in memory of Elijah C. Stiltner*



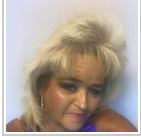
Karen Jackson - February 02 at 05:46 PM

DB

“ *Dan / Arlene Blankenship lit a candle in memory of Elijah C. Stiltner*



Dan / Arlene Blankenship - February 02 at 05:36 PM



“ Prayers & Love.



Rebecca Street - February 02 at 05:34 PM



“ Jerry, Joyce And Wess lit a candle in memory of Elijah C. Stiltner



Jerry, Joyce and Wess - February 02 at 05:25 PM



“ Glenna Cordle lit a candle in memory of Elijah C. Stiltner



Glenna Cordle - February 02 at 05:18 PM



“ Tammy Street lit a candle in memory of Elijah C. Stiltner



Tammy Street - February 02 at 05:14 PM

BF

“ Bear Compton and family! planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Elijah C. Stiltner.

Bear Compton and family! - February 02 at 05:11 PM

BF

“ Bear Compton and family! purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Elijah C. Stiltner.



Bear Compton and family! - February 02 at 05:11 PM



“ TINA, I AM SO SORRY TO HEAR THIS. GOD HAS GAINED ANOTHER ANGEL.MAY GOD WRAP HIS LOVING ARMS AROUND YOU AND COMFORT YOU IN THE DAYS AHEAD AS ONLY HE CAN DO. LOVE YOU

Peggy Cordill - February 02 at 05:08 PM

BJ

“ Prayers for the family



Beth Johnson - February 02 at 05:04 PM



“ Peggy Cordill lit a candle in memory of Elijah C. Stiltner



Peggy Cordill - February 02 at 05:04 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Elijah C. Stiltner.



February 02 at 04:58 PM



“ Laura Farris & Emily Lester planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Elijah C. Stiltner.

Laura Farris & Emily Lester - February 02 at 04:58 PM



“ Tina, I'm so sorry for the loss of your precious son. Love and prayers for you. Elijah I love you my nephew. I'll miss you forever. I was so proud of you, and so thankful to be your aunt. You will never be forgotten. ❤️



Freda Breedlove - February 02 at 04:44 PM



“ *TonyanEdgar Wicks lit a candle in memory of Elijah C. Stiltner*



TonyanEdgar Wicks - February 02 at 04:35 PM



“ *TonyanEdgar Wicks lit a candle in memory of Elijah C. Stiltner*



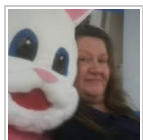
TonyanEdgar Wicks - February 02 at 04:34 PM



“ *Tom Cordle lit a candle in memory of Elijah C. Stiltner*



Tom Cordle - February 02 at 04:34 PM



“ *Randall and Beth Hill.*



Beth Elkins Hill - February 02 at 04:28 PM