



Leonard James Rife

February 24, 1931 - May 2, 2015

Leonard James Rife, age 84, of Bastian, Virginia died Saturday, May 2, 2015 at his home in Bastian, VA.

He was born February 24, 1931 in Grundy, VA and was the son of the late Fred and Watie Honaker Rife. Leonard was a retired coal miner of 45 years. He was a member of the Grapefield Church of God. He traveled to many churches in the county and surrounding areas to participate in singing. He sang with Roy and Rachel Breedlove and Joe Blevins. He sang with Ed Addington and Christine Cole, Steven Rife played the piano and organ. Leonard loved singing, gardening, coon hunting, cooking and fishing. He sang while Robin Stover played the piano; and sang with Graham and Charlene Cooper. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by one son, Steven Allen Rife; grandson, William Daniel Ward; great grandchild, Destiny Jade Irizary; three brothers, Johnny Rife, Ervin Rife and Hufford Rife; and two sisters, Mae Jackson and Faye Hess.

Those who survive him are:

His Wife, Geneva Fuller Rife

Three Daughters:

Charlene Rife Cooper and husband, Graham of Bastian, VA

Sharon Rife Stover and husband Leon of Bastian, VA

Deborah Rife Brewster and husband, Tommy of Bristol, TN

One Son, Charlie Rife and companion, Aleta of Rocky Gap, VA

Four Sisters:

Cloia Rife Payne of Louisburg, NC

Geneva Rife Blankenship of Manasas, VA

Lorine Rife Deel and husband, Harold of Vansant, VA

Marie Rife Griffith of Willard, OH

One Brother, Fred Rife, Jr. and wife, Marlene of Pilgrims Knob, VA

Seven Grandchildren: Pheobe Ward Largen and husband, Lyndon of Fancy Gap, VA; Gregory Stover and wife, Robin of Bland, VA; James Brewster of Bristol, TN; Wendi Cooper Goad and husband, Allen of Hillsville, VA; Courtney Rife Irizary and husband, David of Summerville, SC; Christopher Rife and wife, Marlena of Clarksburg, WV

Seven Great Grandchildren: Robert Stover, Autumn Stover, Hunter Goad, Zachary Goad, Ariania Irizary, and Tristian Rife

Funeral services for Leonard James Rife will be conducted at 2:00 pm on Thursday, May 7, 2015 at the Hurst-Scott Funeral Chapel in Richlands, Virginia with the Rev. Bruce Hagee, Johnny Blessing, Jack Payne officiating. Interment will follow at the Greenhills Memory Gardens in Claypool Hill, Virginia. Pallbearers will be: Gregory Stover, James Brewster, Christopher Rife, David Rife, Carlos Rife, Lyndon Largen, Allen Goad, Robert Stover, and David Irizary. Honorary pallbearers will be: Jimmy Helton, Roy Breedlove, Michael Rife, David Hobbs, Mark Rife and Micky Payne. Friends may begin to call at 6:00 pm on Wednesday evening at the funeral home. 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

Cemetery Details

Greenhills Memory Gardens

11800 Gov G.C. Peery Hwy
Cedar Bluff, VA 24609

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 6. 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

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

Service

MAY 7. 2:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ Leonard James Rife

January 14, 2023 at 04:24 PM



“ Leonard James Rife

January 14, 2023 at 02:26 PM



“ My deepest condolences
Tammy Kay



Tammy Kay - May 08, 2015 at 06:58 AM



“ Lisa Hackworth Harris lit a candle in memory
of Leonard James Rife



Lisa Hackworth Harris - May 06, 2015 at 03:55 PM

LH

“ I have known Leonard for many a years. Infact we called him papa Leonard I'm so sorry for his loss but I can hear him singing now in heaven. I'm sure Steve was waiting on him And I'm sure his crossed paths with my dear Daddy. May you rest in peace Papa. With all our Love. Tim Lisa Haleigh

Lisa Hackworth Harris - May 06, 2015 at 03:54 PM

TS

“ I was the fiancé of Craig Rife. Sorry for your loss.

Tonya Vandyke Sprowl

tonya vandyke sprowl - May 05, 2015 at 08:37 PM

SP

“ Jay and Leonard were good friends, and worried about each other right up until the end. We are so sorry for your loss.
Sending our deepest sympathy,
The family of Jay Blankenship

Sandi Palmer - May 05, 2015 at 08:32 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Leonard James Rife.



May 05, 2015 at 08:07 PM

SL

“ *SUSIE RIFE LOONEY lit a candle in memory of Leonard James Rife*



SUSIE RIFE LOONEY - May 05, 2015 at 02:23 PM

 Greg Griffith

“ *Uncle Leonard, although we never had the opportunity to share this life together I look forward to an eternity of sharing heaven and Jesus with you. I know you are loved and missed. I also know you are with Jesus.*

Greg Griffith - May 05, 2015 at 12:36 PM

KM

“ *Kevin McCann lit a candle in memory of Leonard James Rife*



Kevin McCann - May 05, 2015 at 12:15 PM

KM

“ *Kevin McCann lit a candle in memory of Leonard James Rife*



Kevin McCann - May 05, 2015 at 12:14 PM

KM

“ I am deeply saddened to have heard the news of leonards passing i will always remember him coming by my office and trading cars with him i loved picking his brain for advice and wisdom i thank God for allowing our paths to cross and i will never ever forget him and im grateful for the memories i have of him God Bless thoughts and prayers to the family and other friends i will surely miss him but will take great comfort knowing he is with jesus singing great hymns with no pain and no suffering THOUGHTS, LOVE and PRAYERS
Kevin McCann

Kevin McCann - May 05, 2015 at 12:12 PM

CA

“ Courtney David And Ari lit a candle in memory of Leonard James Rife



Courtney David and Ari - May 05, 2015 at 11:57 AM

GH

“ I may sorry for my family but God called another warrior home. Can't make a trip to Richlands , Va. but praying for my family.

Glen Allen Hess - May 05, 2015 at 11:27 AM

MD

“ Melody Davis lit a candle in memory of Leonard James Rife



Melody Davis - May 05, 2015 at 10:43 AM

TR

“ With ALL my LOVE, I will see you again!!!



Tammy Hackworth Rife - May 04, 2015 at 09:55 PM

SR

“ From Brenda, Shawwna, and Nicholas: We feel blessed to have known Leonard and had him in our lives for many years. He was much loved by many people and will be greatly missed.



Shawwna Rife - May 04, 2015 at 07:32 PM

SR

“ 6 files added to the album *New Album Name*



Shawna Rife - May 04, 2015 at 07:23 PM