



William Ratliff

December 28, 1924 - November 23, 2010

William Lawrence Ratliff, age 85, of Richlands, Virginia, passed away Tuesday, November 23, 2010 in a Richlands, Virginia hospital. He was born in Buchanan County and was the son of the late Adam Poe and Eva Harman Ratliff. He was a member of the Richlands Tabernacle for over 40 years and was a proud World War II U.S. Navy Veteran having served his country in the North African and European Theatre. After World War II, he went to work for Cadillac in Detroit, Michigan. He returned to Richlands in 1957 and was the owner and operator of Lawrence Ratliff Trucking for 20 years. He also worked in the mining industry having operated heavy equipment for PERMAC for 20 years. After retiring, he returned to work for Pounding Mill Quarry where he worked until his second retirement in 1996. He enjoyed recreational aviation and enjoyed flying out of the Doran airport for years. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by one sister, Jenelle "Subby" Ratliff Peak; and two brothers, Bernard and Earnest Ratliff. Survivors are: His Wife of 63 years: Ethel Faye Eiklor Ratliff One Daughter: Carolyn Sue Ratliff Horton and husband, Phillip of Richlands, Virginia Two Sons: Bobby Gene Ratliff and wife, Linda of Bedford, Virginia William Larry Ratliff and wife, Debbie of Cedar Bluff, Virginia Four Sisters: Ida Ruth Ratliff Keene of Thomasville, North Carolina Shirley Ratliff Hampton and husband, Hubert of Cedar Bluff, Virginia Joan Ratliff Russ Street of Pounding Mill, Virginia Peggy Ratliff Alsbrook and husband, Kenneth of Richlands, Virginia One Brother: Raymond Ratliff of Wytheville, Virginia Six Grandchildren: Dr. Bobby Kevin Ratliff and wife, Josie

of Verona, Virginia; John William Ratliff and wife, Kim of Abingdon, Virginia; Amanda Susan Ratliff Turner and husband, David of Forest, Virginia; Joshua David Ratliff and wife, Valerie of Wilmore, Kentucky; William Seth Ratliff of Cedar Bluff, Virginia; and Daniel Isaac Ratliff of Cedar Bluff, VA Four Great Grandchildren: Abigail Elizabeth Ratliff, William Charles Ratliff, Laeth William Ratliff, and Savana Grace Ratliff Funeral services for William Lawrence Ratliff will be conducted Friday, November 26, 2010 at 2:00pm at the Richlands Tabernacle in Richlands, Virginia with the Rev. Ralph Horton, Rev. Bob Osborne, and Rev. Ancil Childress officiating. Interment will follow at Greenhills Memory Gardens at Claypool Hill, Virginia. Pallbearers will be: Carlos Russ, Jr., Kenneth Alsbrook, Ricky Ratliff, Lewis A. Peak, III, William Poe Peak, and Gerald Shortt. Honorary Pallbearers will be: Mike Street, Eric Shortt, Rev. Tim Lester, John Rosenbaum, Charlie Simmons, and Gary Hess. Members of Casey-Shortt VFW Post #9640 will conduct military graveside rites. Friends may call after 6:00pm Thursday evening at the Hurst-Scott Funeral Home in Richlands, Virginia and at the church one hour prior to the funeral on Friday. 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

Tribute Wall



“ *William Ratliff*

January 14, 2023 at 04:24 PM



“ *William Ratliff*

January 14, 2023 at 02:26 PM



“ *Grew up in the same church where Bro. Lawrence & his sweet wife, Sis. Ethel, attended with their children. I remember them as being faithful members. To me he always seemed happy & pleasant. They raised an amazing family. All their children are Christians, honorable & respected members of society. That is something to be very proud of & thankful for.*

Michael & Rebecca Harman - November 23, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ *Larry, Debbie & Family,
So sorry to hear about your Dad Larry! Although, we know he's in a better place, he'll be sooo missed! Our prayers are with you and your family! We love you guys!*

Love & prayers,

Oral, Sandy, Michael, Matthew & Cathy

Sandy Plumley - November 23, 2010 at 12:00 AM

TH

“ *L.T.*
I am so sorry for your loss during this season. My thoughts and prayers goes out to you and your family.
May the peace of our Lord God bring you all comfort.

Todd.

Todd Haynes - November 23, 2010 at 12:00 AM

DH

“ *Carolyn, sorry to hear of your loss. I pray GOD will comfort you.*
Danny

Danny R. Horton - November 23, 2010 at 12:00 AM

JR

“ *So sorry to hear the passing of Lawrence. My prayers and thoughts go out to the family.*

Julia Ramey - November 23, 2010 at 12:00 AM

EJ

“ *Our prayers and thoughts are will each an everyone of you, in your lost.*

Love
Sharon and Elmer Jones

Elmer & Sharon Jones - November 23, 2010 at 12:00 AM

LM

“ Josh and entire Ratliff family; I was so saddened by the loss of my buddy Lawrence. I always talked to him when I visited my sister down below his house. He'd say "Where have you been"? I'd say on the mountain. He was a very good man and will be missed greatly. Josh Sissy Linda sends her love and prayers to you and all of your family. Joanne and Peggy his sisters that I admire so much sincere sympathy to you both. Heaven is more precious now and there's more family waiting there for us to join them very soon.

Linda Mitchell - November 23, 2010 at 12:00 AM

ER

“ Aunt Ethel and family, We are so sorry to hear of Uncle Lawrence's death. Please know that our thoughts and prayers are with you.
Love Ernie and Kathy

Ernest & Kathleen Ratliff - November 23, 2010 at 12:00 AM

TM

“ Carolyn, I am so sorry for the loss of your father.

Teresa Misco - November 23, 2010 at 12:00 AM

DJ

“ Lt.Pam and I are really sorry for your lose. Sorry I will not be able to attend but we will have you and your family in our prayers. I was just up there last week for my uncles funeral which was the sencond one in two weeks so we understand what you are going thru. Dan and Pam Jessee

Dan and Pam Jessee - November 23, 2010 at 12:00 AM

DB

“ may he rest in peace

Don Brown - November 23, 2010 at 12:00 AM

DH

“ *Our sympathy goes out to the whole family, and especially to Larry and Debbie and their sons and daughter-in-law, who are very special neighbors, friends, and landlords.*

Dave & Sissie Horne - November 23, 2010 at 12:00 AM

JH

“ *Carolyn and Phillip and family,
We are sorry to learn of your Dad's death. May you find comfort in the prayers being lifted for you, embraced by your memories and held in love by your faith.*

*When I die and leave behind
This earth I love
These trees, this sky,
The pounding sea,
The yearly hope of spring,
Cry not for me,
Rejoice.
I'm with God's Angels
And my soul has wings
And in it's freedom sings.*

Our deepest and heartfelt sympathies!

*Jane Ellen Horton
"Rocky" and Pat Horton and Family*

Jane Ellen Horton - November 23, 2010 at 12:00 AM

NS

“ Carolyn and Philip,
Sorry for your loss. May the Lord comfort and help you.
Nila and Albert

Nila Stilwell - November 23, 2010 at 12:00 AM

RI

“ To the Ratliff Family, we are so sorry to hear of Mr. Ratliff's passing.
May God's Love comfort you during this terrible time. You are in our
thoughts and prayers.

Richlands Home Care Inc. - November 23, 2010 at 12:00 AM

JF

“ To All the Ratliff family: I am so sorry to hear of Lawrence's passing.
He was a dear friend for many years. We would always talk about
flying everytime I seen him. His long suffering is over and he now is
in perfect health and peace. He will always be remembered by me
and our long friendship cherished. May GOD Bless and Comfort you
the family as only he can.

Jim Ed Lambert & Family - November 23, 2010 at 12:00 AM