



John Marcus Merricks

April 11, 1962 - January 19, 2013

John Marcus "Marc" Merricks unexpectedly passed away Saturday, January 19, 2013 at 50 years of age. His unexpected death leaves family and friends grief-stricken and longing for his warmth and love.

Marc was the youngest son of Anne Riegel of Goochland, and the late David Lee Merricks, and was born in Hopewell, Virginia, April 11, 1962. Marc attended William Campbell High School, graduating in 1981. He married Rachel Mann after graduation, later divorcing.

Marc is also survived by one sister, Karen M. Bishoff of Brookneal; one brother, David M. Merricks and wife Linda of Goochland; four nephews, Jeremy S. Merricks of Goochland, Matthew M. Bishoff and Jacob P. Bishoff both of Lynchburg and Nathaniel D. Bishoff of Brookneal; and three nieces; Persephone B. McNair of Kilmarnock, Scotland, Keziah B. Bishoff of Brookneal, and Illyana K. Bishoff of Lynchburg.

He was preceded in death by his grandparents, John Jacob and Lucille Stone Riegel of Brookneal and his older brother, Micajah P. Merricks, II. Marc last worked as a superintendent for Merricks Construction, Inc. in Goochland. His training was in carpentry. His greatest happiness was when fishing and enjoying nature whether alone or with a friend. Having no children of his own, he freely shared his love with family.

A graveside service will be conducted on Thursday, January 24, 2013 at 11:30 a.m. at the Morea Family Cemetery, 311 Pebble Road, Rustburg by the Rev. Andy Ferguson.

The family will receive their friends from 6-8:00 p.m. on Wednesday at Finch & Finch, Inc. Funeral and Cremation Service, Gladys.

Cemetery Details

Morea Family Cemetery

311 Pebble Rd.
Rustburg, VA 24588

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN **23**. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Finch & Finch, Gladys
124 Flynn Street
Gladys, VA 24554

Graveside Service

JAN **24**. 11:00 AM (ET)

Morea Family Cemetery
311 Pebble Rd.
Rustburg, VA 24588

Tribute Wall

DH

“ I will miss my best friend in so many ways and everyday. He knew what I was thinking before I said it. I will think of him on every treasure hunt, fishing trip. He will be with me in my heart always. He was a true friend always and he was always there when I needed him no matter when or where.

I love you my friend an you're always in my heart.

Donna (O.D.)

Donna Henderson - January 28, 2013 at 08:13 AM



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John and Julie Anderson - January 27, 2013 at 01:13 PM

DG

“ Our sincere thoughts and prayers are with you all.
The Gillespies


David Gillespie - January 24, 2013 at 01:40 PM

DH

“ *Deana H.Garzon lit a candle in memory of John Marcus Merricks*




Deana H.Garzon - January 24, 2013 at 08:45 AM


Persephone
McNair

“ *What I really want to say, I've said in my heart and with my soul. I'll be with you all in spirit during the service, lighting my own candle here at home.*

Persephone McNair - January 24, 2013 at 06:04 AM


Persephone
McNair

“ *Persephone McNair lit a candle in memory of John Marcus Merricks*



Persephone McNair - January 24, 2013 at 05:53 AM

PB

“ Thinking of Marc, as I saw him often, standing in a river fishing. Here's a spiritual, we sing with our community choir that is very fitting:

http://youtu.be/z_giyIJ-zx0

Here are the lyrics: "COME & STAND"

*Come and stand in the river
Current gentle and slow
Send your troubles down water
Down on that water flow*

*When you stand in the river
Angels sing in your head
Secrets beyond any worry
Dreams beyond every dread*

*Tell me sister brother
Where does that river flow
It flows down to the big water
Where soon my people will go*

Pat Butler - January 23, 2013 at 08:58 PM

JH

“ David, the time I got to spend with mark and you are some of the best of times in recent memory. I loved mark and will treasure his friendship always, Im sure he will have some good fishing spots when we meet again. God bless. Capt. Mike Hoke

john michael hoke - January 23, 2013 at 01:23 PM

SR

“ Thinking of all of you <3 I will always remember Uncle Marc from the summer we came to visit when I was 12. <3 Sending much love and hugs to everyone>

Shannon Reed - January 23, 2013 at 12:37 PM

SR

“ Shannon Reed lit a candle in memory of John Marcus Merricks



Shannon Reed - January 23, 2013 at 12:34 PM

DD

“ Anne, Karen, Dee-Dee and their families:

*A loved one never leaves you,
They're never far away.
They watch you from a distance,
And guide you every day.
They do become your angel,
And look down from above.
A loved one never leaves you,
Because you always have their love.*

So sorry to hear of John Marc's passing.

Diane, Griff and Lesley

Diane Dodd - January 23, 2013 at 12:32 PM

LB

“ *David, Linda & Family*

I didn't know Marc personally, but when I walked into the store one day and heard him talking I knew he was your brother because his voice sounds just like you, David.

My heart and soul goes out to you in this time of grief. You and Linda were there for us every step of the way when our Mom passed and I will forever be grateful to you for that.

Please know that you all are in my thoughts and prayers and if there is anything that I can do I will be here.

*God Bless You and Love,
Linda Shifflett Bickley*

Linda Shifflett Bickley - January 22, 2013 at 10:21 PM

JT

*DAVID,
I'M SADDENED TO HEAR OF MARK'S LEAVING US.I'LL
REMEMBER THE TIMES WE ALL HAD TOGETHER HUNTING AND
FISHING.HE WAS ALLWAYS SMILING AND JOKING.I'LL CERTAINLY
NEVER FORGET HIM.WE'LL SEE HIM AGAIN ONE DAY.KNOW
THAT DEB AND I HAVE YOU ALL IN OUR PRAYERS.IF YOU NEED
ANYTHING LET ME KNOW BROTHER.JOEY LILES*

JOEY T.LILES - January 23, 2013 at 12:07 PM



“ *Patricia Butler lit a candle in memory of John
Marcus Merricks*



Patricia Butler - January 22, 2013 at 09:57 PM

PB

“ Pat and Brian Butler purchased the River Cane Cross for the family of John Marcus Merricks.



Pat and Brian Butler - January 22, 2013 at 09:30 PM

DD

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Dave Duffy - January 22, 2013 at 08:19 PM

DD

“ Gonna miss your mumbleing, gonna miss what you had to say even more. I'll remember what you taught me always. Be at peace Bro.



Dave Duffy - January 22, 2013 at 08:16 PM

DM

“ will always love you just because of who you were

david merricks - January 22, 2013 at 12:03 PM

DD

Well said Dee-Dee.

Diane Dodd - January 23, 2013 at 12:35 PM

DM

“ 2 files added to the tribute wall



David merricks - January 21, 2013 at 07:14 AM

NF

I worked with Marc many years ago and will always remember his smiling face and what a good natured person that he was. Years later he would stop by the house to visit and we would talk about family and back to the days at work. He was a good friend to Ed and I and we will miss him. I will keep you all in my prayers. Just know that God can get you through this time of need. Love Norma and Ed Fletcher

Norma Fletcher - January 22, 2013 at 07:54 PM