



Joseph Richard Merricks

April 27, 2023

Joseph Richard Merricks, 42, of 19 Courtney Terrace, Altavista died Thursday, April 27, 2023. He was the husband of Brittany Spilker Merricks for 15 years.

He was born June 20, 1980, in Lynchburg, a son of Betty Jane Feguson Merricks and the late Richard Lee Merricks. He worked as a transport driver for Foster Fuels and served as a member of the Altavista Fire Company. Aside from Joey's work, he enjoyed camping with family and friends. He was known for his picking spirit and boisterous laugh.

In addition to his wife and mother, he is survived by his brother, Jason Merricks and his wife, Tanya of Altavista; his sister, Dawn Johnson and her husband, Jermey of Ponte Vedra, FL; his brothers-in-law, Cody Spilker and his wife, Ashley of Hurt, and Brand Spilker and his wife, Rinette of Derider, LA; his mother-in-law, Kathy Spilker; his nieces and nephews, Ethan, Evan, Linus, Oliver, Gracie, Rylen, Haley, and Hannah; and his beloved dog, Max.

A memorial service will be conducted at 2:00 p.m., Saturday, May 6, 2023, at the Altavista Fire Company by the Rev. Chris Brooks.

The family will receive friends following the service at the Altavista Fire Company and other times at the residence.

The family suggests that those wishing to make memorials consider The Altavista Fire Company, P.O. Box 208, Altavista, VA 24517.

Finch & Finch Funeral and Cremation Service, Altavista is in charge of arrangements.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

MAY 6. 2:00 PM (ET)

Altavista Fire Company
1280 Main Street
Altavista, VA 24517

Visitation Following Service

MAY 6. 3:00 PM (ET)

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1280 Main Street
Altavista, VA 24517

Tribute Wall



“ *Finch & Finch, Inc. Funeral & Cremation Service created a Tribute Video in memory of Joseph Richard Merricks*



Finch & Finch, Inc. Funeral & Cremation Service - May 02, 2023 at 10:13 AM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Joseph Richard Merricks.*



May 06, 2023 at 08:27 AM



“ *Angie Gledhill lit a candle in memory of Joseph Merricks*



Angie Gledhill - May 04, 2023 at 09:07 AM



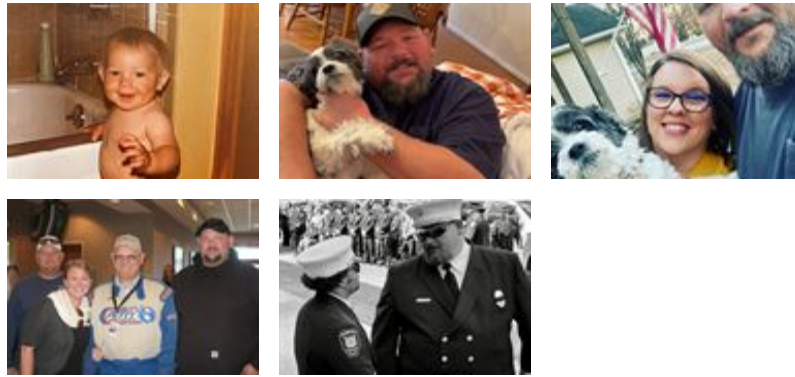
“ *Treasured Lilies Spray was purchased for the family of Joseph Richard Merricks.*



May 03, 2023 at 10:49 AM



“ *96 files added to the album Life Tributes*



Finch & Finch, Inc. Funeral & Cremation Service - May 02, 2023 at 10:09 AM



“ *Joey was a good friend to all that knew him and will be greatly missed. Prayers for his family and friends.*

Aaron Dowdy - May 01, 2023 at 09:39 AM



“ *Truly saddened for the lose of Joey. He will be missed for sure. May God be with the Merricks family to comfort them during this time.*



Jimmy and Lisa Thurman - April 30, 2023 at 06:10 PM

CB

“ To Joey's family you all have my deepest condolences, Joey was such a kind hearted individual and his laugh was so sweet I was bless to work with him at BGF INDUSTRIES. May the Lord comfort you all doing this sad time. Prayers are with you all.

Coretta Wooding Barbour - April 30, 2023 at 12:46 PM

MD

“ Marie Dudley sent a virtual gift in memory of Joseph Richard Merricks



Marie Dudley - April 30, 2023 at 10:38 AM

CS

“ I met Joey in 2018. As a guest in their home, I fell in love quickly with his wonderful smile, kind demeanor, abundant patience and sense of humor. He was the perfect mate for my niece, Brittany. Prayers and love to the Merricks, the Spilkers and friends. God Bless.

We never have enough time with the people we love.

Camillia Spilker - April 29, 2023 at 10:38 AM

JT

“ Betty and family I am so sorry for your loss. Johnny Towler

john Towler - April 29, 2023 at 09:37 AM

PV

“ *Paul VanKerckhove lit a candle in memory of Joseph Merricks*



Paul R VanKerckhove - April 29, 2023 at 07:28 AM

DS

“ *Donna H Sawyer lit a candle in memory of Joseph Richard Merricks*



Donna H Sawyer - April 28, 2023 at 08:38 PM

GG

“ *Sorry for y'all's loss, Joey was a friendly person and always waved and talked to us. Sadden to hear , praying for y'all.*

greg guthrie - April 28, 2023 at 06:37 PM

JM

“ *I am so sorry for your loss. Your family are in my thoughts and prayers.*

JoAnn R Martin - April 28, 2023 at 05:45 PM

GW

“ Sorry for your loss prayers



Gwenda Willard - April 28, 2023 at 04:13 PM

JT

“ Joey was a classmate of mine. He was sweet and caring. A beautiful soul. May you now rest in peace and your memories live on!

Jeanetta Tucker - April 28, 2023 at 01:47 PM

CS

“ Betty and Family, We are so sorry about Joey 😞 We will keep you in our thoughts and prayers.

Charlotte Shelton. - April 28, 2023 at 01:35 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Joseph Richard Merricks.



April 28, 2023 at 01:18 PM

EP

“ To the entire Merricks family you all are in our thoughts and prayers. Joey was a great person and an even better neighbor. May the Lord be with you all during this difficult time R.I.P
Eddie and Gayle Puckette

Eddie / Gayle Puckette - April 28, 2023 at 01:01 PM

EP

“ Eddie / Gayle Puckette lit a candle in memory of Joseph Richard Merricks



Eddie / Gayle Puckette - April 28, 2023 at 12:57 PM

RC

“ Joey was an amazing young man who was a friend to everyone. He will be truly missed by all who knew him. Our condolences to Brittney and family.



Ray and Kay Caldwell, Sr. - April 28, 2023 at 12:39 PM