



## Richard Leon Cunningham

October 9, 1963 - November 2, 2019

Richard Leon Cunningham, 56, of 7579 Lewis Ford Road, Gladys died Saturday, November 2, 2019 at Wake Med Hospital, Raleigh, NC.

He was born October 9, 1963 in Woodland, CA, a son of Billy Lou Cunningham and Joan Helen Lovelace Cunningham of Gladys. He was a member of Hyland Heights Baptist Church, an employee of English Construction and a US Air Force Veteran. Richard loved hunting, fishing, golf and coaching football and baseball.

In addition to his parents, he is survived by his wife, Claudia Cavitt Cunningham of Rustburg; one son, Colton Cunningham of Rustburg; one daughter, Sophia Cunningham Mills and her husband, Brady of San Diego, CA; one brother, Billy Neil Cunningham and his wife, Sandy of Gladys; one sister, Bonnie Watts and her husband, Jake of Madison Heights; and three nieces, Vanessa Cunningham, Jennifer Lieb and Lora Lieb.

A funeral service will be conducted at 11:00 a.m., Friday, November 8, 2019 at Falling River Baptist Church, Brookneal by Pastor Michael Summy with interment to follow in the church cemetery with military honors by American Legion Altavista Memorial Post 36 and Gretna Post 232.

The family will receive friends from 5:00 until 7:00 p.m., Thursday at Finch and

Finch Funeral and Cremation Service, Gladys and other times at the residence.

The family suggests that those wishing to make memorials consider Wounded Warrior Project, P.O. Box 758516, Topeka, KS, 66675 or St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN, 38105-9956.

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

# Cemetery Details

## Falling River Baptist Church Cemetery

2874 Wickliffe Rd.  
(Church Address)  
Brookneal, VA 24528

# Previous Events

## Visitation

NOV 7. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Finch and Finch, Gladys  
124 Flynn St.  
Gladys, VA 24554

## Funeral Service

NOV 8. 11:00 AM (ET)

Falling River Baptist Church  
2874 Wickliffe Road  
Brookneal, VA 24528

# Tribute Wall



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



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**Finch & Finch, Inc. Funeral & Cremation Service** - November 06, 2019 at 04:56 PM



“ *I love this man right here. Very,very nice guy. You will be missed buddy. Now you can fish all you want Rich.....*

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**Courtney Staton** - November 09, 2019 at 10:14 PM



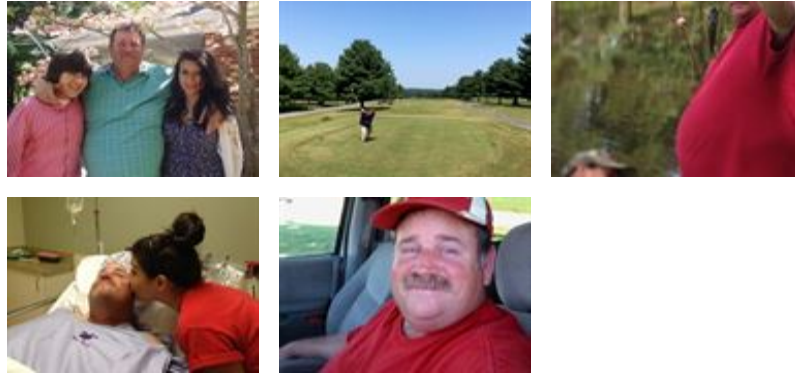
“ *Claudia and family,  
I am so sorry to hear of your loss. You and your family are in our prayers . God gives you a place of peace to go to in times like this!  
Please lean on him.*

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**Lisa Edwards** - November 07, 2019 at 06:42 PM



“ 7 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Finch & Finch, Inc. Funeral & Cremation Service - November 07, 2019 at 08:39 AM

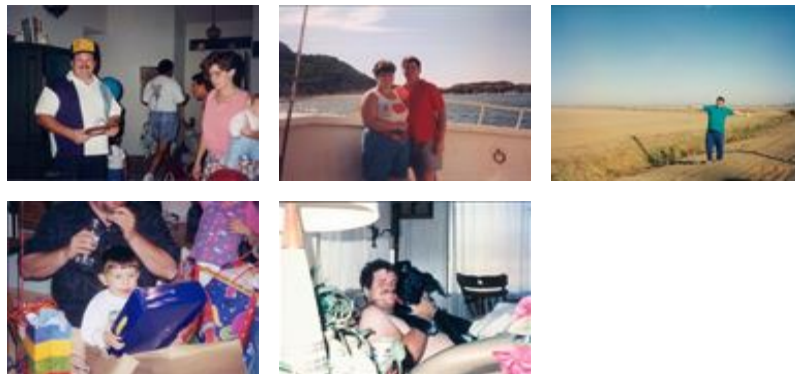
JH

“ So sorry for your loss prayers for the family

Jeff Holmes - November 07, 2019 at 06:13 AM



“ 115 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Finch & Finch, Inc. Funeral & Cremation Service - November 06, 2019 at 04:52 PM

AS

“ Andrew, Josiah, Phil, Rebecca, & Shar purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Richard Leon Cunningham .



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**Andrew, Josiah, Phil, Rebecca, & Shar** - November 06, 2019  
at 04:45 PM

JB

“ Billy and Joan,  
Elaine and I will be in prayer as you celebrate and grieve the death of Richard.  
JW Burton

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**John W Burton** - November 06, 2019 at 07:31 AM

KP

“ Rest in peace dear cousin. I regret that I didn't get one more of your big hugs. You were a caring & loving soul. I'll always remember the visits you & your family made back to Virginia when we were young, and the happiness of all your Virginia family when you & all your family came back here to live. We'll watch over your mom & dad, brother & sister, and as I wrap my arms around them I'll hug a little tighter because your arms will be enfolding my arms around them. Until we meet in heaven dear cousin, check out all those heavenly ponds & lakes & one day we'll fish together. Love you always dear Richard.

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**Kayla Pribble** - November 05, 2019 at 09:01 PM

PL

“ Celebrating the life of a good man and mourning his passing with you. My sincere condolences. Pete and Annette Lieb



Pete Lieb - November 05, 2019 at 07:03 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Richard Leon Cunningham .



November 05, 2019 at 02:02 PM

VE

“ I know there is a huge hole in your hearts. I will miss family gatherings and “shop” talk with Richard. He never doubted that I understood flow, lift, back pressure, etc. so we would talk about work until our food got cold.

Vickie Evans - November 05, 2019 at 11:56 AM

DC

“ We are keeping you all in our thoughts and prayers.  
Dave, Doreen, Tony & Arren Close

Doreen Close - November 05, 2019 at 08:30 AM

CT

“ So sorry to hear about Richard! He was a great person and would do anything for you. I have many great memories of working with him at English. He will be missed by many.

craig taylor - November 05, 2019 at 07:16 AM

CT

“ Craig Taylor lit a candle in memory of Richard Leon Cunningham



craig taylor - November 05, 2019 at 07:10 AM

CH

“ Claudia, Sophia and Colton, I am so sorry to hear of Richard's passing. My thoughts and prayers are with you today, and in the days ahead. Love and Hugs, Celia Hudnall

Celia Hudnall - November 04, 2019 at 07:33 PM

MW

“ I'm so very saddened to hear of the news of Richards passing. We worked together with English Construction. The last project we worked on was in Charlotte, NC. I remember we were blasting rock and we were all standing waiting for the blast. The blast was much stronger than anticipated and we all went running. I think he and I laughed for 15 minutes straight after that. Richard was a great soul who was loved by so many. He will be missed dearly! My thoughts and prayers go out to his family.

Mary Wade - November 04, 2019 at 03:19 PM

CF

“ Rest in peace my friend you will truly be missed. Prayers to your family and friends.

*Cindy Fields*

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**cindy fields** - November 04, 2019 at 02:37 PM

KP

*Rest in peace dear cousin. I regret that I didn't get one more of your big hugs. You were a caring & loving soul. I'll always remember the visits you & your family made back to Virginia when we were young, and the happiness of all your Virginia family when you & all your family came back here to live. We'll watch over your mom & dad, brother & sister, and as I wrap my arms around them I'll hug a little tighter because your arms will be enfolding my arms around them. Until we meet in heaven dear cousin, check out all those heavenly ponds & lakes & one day we'll fish together. Love you always dear Richard.*

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**Kayla Pribble** - November 05, 2019 at 01:01 PM