



Richard Lee Merricks

September 8, 1952 - September 30, 2013

Richard Lee Merricks, 61, of 184 Little Seneca Road, Altavista died Monday, September 30, 2013 in his home. He was the husband of Betty Ferguson Merricks.

He was born September 8, 1952 in Danville, a son of Bobby Lee Merricks and Betty Franklin Merricks of Altavista. He was a member of First Southern Baptist Church, where he taught Sunday school and was a Deacon. He was an employee of NAES while working at the Dominion Power Plant in Altavista and a member of The Gideons International for ten years, served in the National Guard for five years, and enjoyed camping and woodworking.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by two sons, Jason Lee Merricks and his wife Tanya and Joseph Richard Merricks and his wife Brittany, all of Altavista; a daughter, Dawn Merricks Johnson and her husband Jeremy of Apex, NC; a brother, Edward Merricks of Stoney Creek; and five grandchildren, Ethan and Evan Merricks, and Linus, Oliver, and Grace Johnson.

He was preceded in death by a daughter, April Leigh Merricks and a brother, Dennis Merricks.

A funeral service will be conducted at 2:00 p.m., Thursday, October 3, 2013 at First Southern Baptist Church by the Rev. Bobby Brumfield, Rev. Eddie

McDonald, Randolph Coffey, and Rev. Dennis Smith. Burial will follow in Altavista Memorial Park.

The family will receive friends from 7-8:30 p.m., Wednesday at Finch and Finch Funeral and Cremation Service, Altavista and other times at the residence.

The family suggests that those wishing to make memorials consider The American Cancer Society, 2050 Langhorne Rd., Ste. 201, Lynchburg, VA 24501 or Centra Hospice of the Hills, 3300 Rivermont Ave., Lynchburg, VA 24503.

Cemetery Details

Altavista Memorial Park

642 Wards Road
Altavista, VA 24517

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT 2. 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM (ET)

Finch and Finch, Altavista
809 Main St.
Altavista, VA 24517

Funeral Service

OCT 3. 2:00 PM (ET)

First Southern Baptist Church
708 Prospect Road
Hurt, VA 24563

Tribute Wall

SF

“ *Betty and Family. I was sorry to read of Richards passing..He was a very special person..You all are in our thoughts and prayers..*

Steve Shelton, Charlotte & Family - October 03, 2013 at 11:22 PM

SS

“ *Steve, Charlotte. Allen And Keith Shelt lit a candle in memory of Richard Lee Merricks*



Steve, Charlotte. Allen and Keith Shelt - October 03, 2013 at 11:15 PM

AD

“ *AUBREY AND FAYE DALTON lit a candle in memory of Richard Lee Merricks*



AUBREY AND FAYE DALTON - October 03, 2013 at 04:22 PM

JT

“ *Betty*
I know your heart is broken. Richard and I were such good friends and have so many military memories. I will think of him often as he was such a special person. He would do the right thing and not be swayed by those who would not. We hardly visited for twenty years but I will miss him.
You and your family will be in my prayers
Johnny Towler

John D Towler - October 03, 2013 at 11:43 AM

SD

“ Bobby, Betty and family. I am sorry to hear of Richard's passing. You are in my thoughts and prayers.



Scott Davis - October 03, 2013 at 04:30 AM

MW

“ Myra Rice Walker lit a candle in memory of Richard Lee Merricks



Myra Rice Walker - October 03, 2013 at 04:19 AM

AS

“ Amanda Spence lit a candle in memory of Richard Lee Merricks



amanda spence - October 02, 2013 at 07:38 PM

LF

“ Sending our thoughts and prayers in the loss of your dad. Keeping you in our prayers. Lisa, Eddie, Belle and Piper Falwell.



Lisa Falwell - October 02, 2013 at 07:31 PM

VL

“ Vickie Layne lit a candle in memory of
Richard Lee Merricks



Vickie Layne - October 02, 2013 at 03:29 PM

VL

Dear Merrick Family, You all are in our thoughts and prayers.

Donald & Vickie Layne

Vickie Layne - October 02, 2013 at 03:30 PM

VS

“ Virginia Sublett lit a candle in memory of
Richard Lee Merricks



Virginia Sublett - October 02, 2013 at 03:26 PM

AH

“ Amy Sellick Hockaday lit a candle in memory
of Richard Lee Merricks



Amy Sellick Hockaday - October 02, 2013 at 02:33 PM

PB

“ Dear Betty, Edward and Bobby & Betty Merricks and family, Just wanted to say to you, my family, how proud I am of your husband, brother and son. When I hear the nice things that are said about Richard, I am proud to call him my cousin. The last time I saw all of you was at Bobby's 80th birthday. I loved you two boys and Bobby having on your matching overalls. Richard fought the good fight and now he is in a wonderful place sitting at the feet of Jesus and not sick any more. I am not proud he is gone from his family but I am proud of where he is. God be with you and comfort you and yours, Love, Pat

Pat Briggs - October 02, 2013 at 09:29 AM

PB

“ Pat Briggs lit a candle in memory of Richard Lee Merricks



Pat Briggs - October 02, 2013 at 09:13 AM

BG

“ Bill And Betty Gillespie lit a candle in memory of Richard Lee Merricks



Bill and Betty Gillespie - October 02, 2013 at 08:56 AM

JW

“ To Ed and the Merricks family...We are so sorry to hear of the loss of your brother. May remembering help to ease the sorrow that you feel, and bring peace and comfort to your heart.

John & Sherry Watts

John & Sherry Watts - October 02, 2013 at 08:18 AM



HS

“ To the Merricks family... We are so very sorry to hear of your loss. Will keep you all in our prayers as you go through this difficult time. May these words of sympathy help to comfort you today....And may loving thoughts and memories bring you comfort, warmth and peace.

Hopewell Power Station

Hopewell Power Station - October 02, 2013 at 08:10 AM



RC

“ Ray And Kay Caldwell lit a candle in memory of Richard Lee Merricks

Ray and Kay Caldwell - October 02, 2013 at 08:10 AM



RF

“ Jason, Joey, And Family- You and your family are in our prayers. It has been nothing but a blessing for me and my family to get to know your family. Your dad was a good man and a dedicated to his family. Cherish the trips you all took together and the memories shared.



Mrs. Merricks- We are here for you anytime you need us you know we are just a short golfcart ride away.

The type of man your dad was shows through in both of you. Love you guys like my own brother.

God Bless,
Ronnie Young and family

Ronnie Young and family - October 02, 2013 at 08:03 AM

KM

“ Amazing grace blessings of peace and comfort as you share memories and love at this special time. Thoughts and prayers always. Kathy Mattox

Kathy Mattox - October 02, 2013 at 06:19 AM

TM

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Tanya Merricks - October 01, 2013 at 09:38 PM

AG

“ *Merricks Family,
We are so sorry for your loss. You are all in our thoughts and
prayers. We love you all,
Perry and Ashley Gauze*

Ashley Gauze - October 01, 2013 at 08:54 PM

CA

“ *So sorry for your loss.*



Chris and Beverly Angell - October 01, 2013 at 07:34 PM

CN

“ *Jason and Joey sorry for your loss you will be
in our prayers. Your dad was a good Christian
man.
Chad & Rachel Nichols*



chad nichols - October 01, 2013 at 07:23 PM

RC

“ *Randolph And Joyce Coffey lit a candle in
memory of Richard Lee Merricks*



Randolph and Joyce Coffey - October 01, 2013 at 06:15 PM

JC

“ Jason and Family,
We are sorry for the loss of your father. Jessie has always spoken highly of him. Please know that your are in our thoughts and prayers.
Jessie and Heather Cofflin

Jessie and Heather Cofflin - October 01, 2013 at 04:16 PM

MM

“ Mary Moses-Hicks lit a candle in memory of
Richard Lee Merricks



Mary Moses-Hicks - October 01, 2013 at 03:45 PM

MM

Joey and family, Sorry for the loss of your dad. I know he was a good man. You and your family will be in our prayers.
Harold and Mary Moses-Hicks

Mary Moses-Hicks - October 01, 2013 at 03:46 PM

BG

“ Bruce & Angie Gledhill lit a candle in memory
of Richard Lee Merricks



Bruce & Angie Gledhill - October 01, 2013 at 02:06 PM

HE

“ Heather Eades lit a candle in memory of
Richard Lee Merricks



Heather Eades - October 01, 2013 at 01:55 PM

EE

“ To the Merricks Family, Richard has gone to a better place with no
more suffering. You all are in our thoughts & prayers at this difficult
time. Your Friends, Eugene & Mary Edmonds

Eugene & Mary Edmonds - October 01, 2013 at 12:59 PM

PP

“ Pat Puckette lit a candle in memory of
Richard Lee Merricks



Pat Puckette - October 01, 2013 at 12:56 PM

PP

Jason and family, I am so sorry to hear of your Dad's passing. You all
are in my prayers.

Pat Puckette - October 01, 2013 at 12:57 PM

EE

“ Eugene & Mary Edmonds lit a candle in memory of Richard Lee Merricks



Eugene & Mary Edmonds - October 01, 2013 at 12:55 PM

EP

“ Eddie Puckette lit a candle in memory of Richard Lee Merricks



Eddie Puckette - October 01, 2013 at 12:31 PM

EP

So sorry to hear of Mr. Merricks passing. You and your family are in our prayers.

Eddie & Gayle Puckette - October 01, 2013 at 12:55 PM

EP

“ Eddie Puckette lit a candle in memory of Richard Lee Merricks



Eddie Puckette - October 01, 2013 at 12:30 PM

DL

“ Dear Betty and Family,
I am so very sorry for your loss. Richard was such a good man. He loved the Lord, he loved life and he cherished his family and friends. He was blessed with the gift of joy because that is what he brought to all who knew him. He was full of fun and always had that grin on his face. His smile is what I will never forget! As sad as his passing is, it is a comfort to know that he is rejoicing with the angels and will never know cancer again! I love you all and will keep you in my prayers.



Donna Lanier - October 01, 2013 at 09:44 AM

FO

“ Sorry to hear of Richards passing he was a good man and will be missed by many praying for all of you'll.

fd obrien - October 01, 2013 at 08:37 AM



“ Trey Finch lit a candle in memory of Richard Lee Merricks



Trey Finch - October 01, 2013 at 08:24 AM