



## Truman Ritchie

December 21, 1945 - February 3, 2021

Truman Ritchie, 75, a lifelong resident of Rensselaer, Indiana, passed away Wednesday, February 3, 2021 at Franciscan Health Rensselaer. Truman was born in Tribbey, KY on December 21, 1945, the son of Edward and Myrtle (Dobson) Ritchie.

Truman graduated from Wheatfield High School with the Class of 1964. He completed a 4 year apprenticeship at US Steel and underwent further training in the US Army. Truman was a business owner/electrician and was the proprietor of Ritchie Electric Motor Company from 2007-2018, when he sold the business and retired. He married the love of his life, Jacqueline Simms, on January 8, 1972 in Gary, IN and she survives him.

Truman enjoyed music and playing his guitar. He liked all kinds of music and was an avid Beatles fan. He will be remembered as a funny, loving, and selfless guy, bringing smiles to many. Truman was also a very loving and tender man to anyone who knew him. He cherished his family and grandchildren to no end. His presence in their lives will be deeply missed.

Truman was a member of the First Presbyterian Church of Rensselaer and previously a 33 year member of the Lake Village Presbyterian Church where he served as a Deacon and an Elder. He will be missed by his community of friends at church. He was also a member of the Wheatfield American Legion

Post #406.

Truman is survived by his wife, Jacqueline; children, David (Jolie) Ritchie of Demotte, IN, Jennifer Ritchie of Valparaiso, IN, Caitlin Ritchie of Rensselaer, IN; grandchildren, Zachary, Alissa, Michael, Alison; siblings, Thurman (Joy) Ritchie, Christina Bachman, Evelee Patrick, Millicent Howard, Eddie Lee (Dana) Ritchie, all of Rensselaer, IN, Orben Ritchie of Wheatfield, IN, and Wilma Jean (Marion) Kasten of Winamac, IN.

Truman was preceded in death by his parents, one sister in law, Elsie Ritchie, and three brothers in law, Paul Bachman, Marvin Patrick, and JB Howard.

Friends may call on the family at the First Presbyterian Church of Rensselaer on Friday, April 9, 2021 from 3:00 PM - 6:00 PM. A Funeral Service will be held immediately after visitation at the church, at 6:00 PM.

Mask wearing and social distancing will be enforced per the current mandate of the Governor on the date of the service.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

APR 9. 3:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

First Presbyterian Church of Rensselaer  
220 N. Cullen Street  
Rensselaer, IN 47978  
(219) 866-7005  
churchoffice@firstpresrensselaer.org  
<http://www.firstpresrensselaer.org/>

## Funeral Service

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Jackson Funeral Chapels created a Tribute Video in memory of Truman Ritchie*



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**Jackson Funeral Chapels** - April 06, 2021 at 03:36 PM



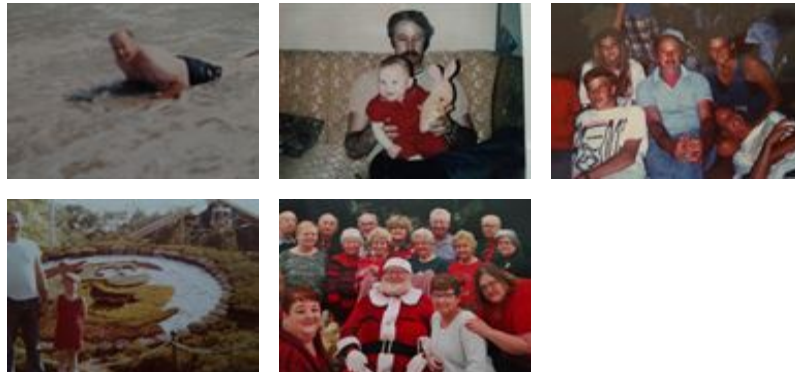
“ *Truman was a good man. John Watson's parents thought very highly of Truman. He will be missed. We are so sorry for your loss.*

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**John M. Watson** - April 08, 2021 at 07:11 AM



“ *47 files added to the album Life Tributes*



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**Jackson Funeral Chapels** - April 06, 2021 at 03:30 PM

MK

“ Sending prayers for comfort to all of your family. Good memories are forever blessings. ❤️ Mary Kozuch

Mary Kozuch - April 03, 2021 at 09:57 AM

DH

“ Truman was such an amazing man. He had a great love for his family. It was such a comfort to have him and Jacque next door to us all those years. He was so kind and caring toward our grandchildren, as well as to Butch and I.

Doris Hammersley - February 12, 2021 at 05:41 PM

LD

“ Our prayers are with you Jacki and all the family. We always enjoyed the time we spent with you at Lake Village Presbyterian Church. Love ya all!  
Jerry & Linda Drinski

Linda Drinski - February 08, 2021 at 11:20 AM

CB

We miss you all so much.

Caitlin Brumley - February 09, 2021 at 01:38 AM

AL

Truman was such a wonderful man. He had so much love and took such good care of my bestie, kids and grandkids. I feel blessed to have known him. He was dearly loved and will be greatly missed.

Alice - April 02, 2021 at 10:44 AM

CO

*Great Guy and always smiling. We go way back to double dating. He will be missed. Prayers for the family for their journey of grief. Memories will enhance as the grief lessens and fill the hole in your hearts with happiness more than pain. Aloha Collette.*

collette - April 04, 2021 at 06:47 PM

MS

*We are shocked and deeply saddened to read about the loss of Truman. Mike Seljan had a question and was trying to call Truman today (9/28/22). When I researched on the computer, his obituary came up. He was a good friend to Mike. You all have our deepest sympathy.*

Mike and Ginny Seljan - September 28, 2022 at 02:00 PM

DE

“ *In memory of Truman.*



Deb E - February 06, 2021 at 03:23 PM

CH

“ *Truman was happy guy enjoy everything. He will be missed.*



carol Hubeny - February 06, 2021 at 11:51 AM