

William Ernest (Bill) Riffe Sr.

May 2, 1942 - June 14, 2013

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William Ernest (Bill) Riffe Sr. age 71 passed away on June 14, 2013 at his residence.

He was born on May 2, 1942 in Welch, WV, to William Henry and Cora Francis (Mitchell) Riffe, both deceased.

During the years 1960 -1962 William served in the US Army. On May 29, 1964 he married Victoria L. Willin, who survives. After 30 years of dedicated work, William retired in 1999 as a Fork Lift Driver for WM. Wrigley Jr. Gum Co. William was an avid Cubs and Colts fan and enjoyed gardening. William attended the DeMotte Church of the Nazarene.

William is survived by his loving wife Victoria of DeMotte.

Sons and Daughters; Patricia Riffe (Roger Bloom), Dickson, TN, Susie (Kevin) Messmaker: Jackie (Les) Johnson; William "Bill" Riffe Jr. of DeMotte, IN. Craig (Shawne) Riffe of Rensselaer, IN. Bobbi Riffe of Crown Point, IN.

18 Grandchildren and 3 Great-Grandchildren

Brothers and Sisters; Irene (Gene) Lee, VA, Joyce Hicks, NC, Nadene (Ed) Woytowich, IL, Elizabeth Wagner, VA, Nancy (Fred) Shew, IL, Adana (Wesley)

Tawlks, IN, Zack (Lisa) Riffe, VA and James (Edna) Riffe, VA.

William was preceded in death by his parents and one Great-Grand Daughter.

Friends may call on Monday, June 17, 2013 from 2 - 8 PM at Jackson Funeral Service in DeMotte, IN. Funeral Service will be held on Tuesday June 18, 2013 at 10:30 AM at the Calvary Assembly Church in DeMotte, IN. With Pastor Jeremy VanKley officiating. Interment at the DeMotte Cemetery, DeMotte, In.

Memorial Contributions may be made to the Family.

Cemetery Details

DeMotte Cemetery

790 8th Street, SE
DeMotte, IN

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 17. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Jackson Funeral Service of DeMotte
200 3rd Street, SW
P.O. Box 681
DeMotte, IN 46310
(219) 987-5300
info@jacksonfuneral.com
<https://www.jacksonfuneral.com>

Service

JUN 18. 10:30 AM (CT)

Calvary Assembly of God
1317 15th Street, SE
DeMotte, IN 46310

Tribute Wall

JT

“ One of the nicest people we have ever met. Janice & Frank Tremmel

janice tremmel - June 19, 2013 at 05:00 PM

MS

“ His struggles and suffering are over and he has gone home to be with grandma and grandpa. I am so happy that I got to spend the time I did with uncle Bill. The hours watching sports and talking about our teams. Listening to the stories of the past and the family history or trying to find a good Bluegrass song to share with him before he heard it somewhere else or just enjoying some of the classics. Never once hearing him complain about what he was going through showed me once again how strong and unselfish a man he was and how strong I strive to be. Love you uncle Bill and will miss you truly!

Mke Stiltner - June 18, 2013 at 07:37 AM

WJ

“ So sorry for your loss at least he didn't suffer. Bill always called me on my birthday, I'll miss that phone call this year. My prayers are with Bill and his family.

Wayne

Wayne Jentel - June 17, 2013 at 11:25 AM

JR

“ *Bill I'am so sorry for your family, I know the Maker will take care of you,your cousin, Jim Rife*



JIM RIFE - June 17, 2013 at 10:48 AM

TQ

“ *I didn't have the time to know him very well,,What I do know was he was a good man,caring and loving man,,wishing all his family peace,*



tina queen - June 16, 2013 at 01:07 PM



“ *one day you will meet him again*

Cindy Culbreth - June 15, 2013 at 11:28 PM



“ *Cindy Culbreth lit a candle in memory of William Ernest (Bill) Riffe Sr.*



Cindy Culbreth - June 15, 2013 at 11:26 PM

VS

“ Virginia & Sam Shew lit a candle in memory of William Ernest (Bill) Riffe Sr.



Virginia & Sam Shew - June 15, 2013 at 06:28 PM

DB

“ I only met Bill once. We shared a lot in a short visit at his house a couple weeks ago. He told me "I don't fear dying. I fear how my family will handle my death. " Seemed to have concern and love for his family rather than worrying himself. That is one standup guy in my books.

Dave Busch - June 15, 2013 at 03:49 PM



Thank you Dave, it was nice talking with you that day.

Jackie Riffe Johnson - June 16, 2013 at 07:41 AM

BO

“ Betty Owens lit a candle in memory of William Ernest (Bill) Riffe Sr.



Betty Owens - June 15, 2013 at 02:44 PM

BO

susie jackie vicki and family i'am so sorry for your loss

Betty Owens - June 15, 2013 at 02:46 PM



Thank you so much Betty!

Susie Messmaker - June 15, 2013 at 10:56 PM



Thank you Betty

Jackie Riffe Johnson - June 16, 2013 at 07:42 AM

KF

“ *Karen Wagner And Family lit a candle in memory of William Ernest (Bill) Riffe Sr.*



karen wagner and family - June 15, 2013 at 11:24 AM

BK

“ *William Ernest was a family friend for many years, their family lived below us for years and then he moved to Chicago and lived in the Mid-West. And William and family has always stayed in touch with our family. William has always been a cherish friend to us. May God Bless the Family and give them Peace and Strength at this time. We will miss him.*

Love & Prayers

Brenda Keene

Brenda Keene - June 15, 2013 at 09:36 AM

JH

“ *Judie Hartley lit a candle in memory of William Ernest (Bill) Riffe Sr.*



Judie Hartley - June 15, 2013 at 09:24 AM

JH

I didn't know Bill very well, but I loved him. He reminds me of my Dad who died several years ago. I will miss him and see him again someday. So sorry to Suzie and all her family. It is such a loss. Love all of you.....

Judie Hartley - June 15, 2013 at 09:28 AM



Thank you Judie.. very much a loss..Daddy was a true blessing to everyone he came in contact with..and he will be greatly missed

Susie Messmaker - June 15, 2013 at 09:47 AM

VI

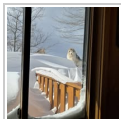
Thanks Judie

Vicki - June 18, 2013 at 06:41 AM

MW

“ *Jackie I'm sorry for your lose. Well keep the family in my prayers.*

mark and stacy waling - June 15, 2013 at 09:09 AM



Thank you Stacy

Jackie Riffe Johnson - June 16, 2013 at 07:44 AM

MD

“ Vicki, I am so sorry for your loss. May our Lord Jesus be with you and comfort you as you miss you husband, your friend. Praying for you and your family!
Mark & Vickie Daniel

Mark & Vickie Daniel - June 15, 2013 at 09:04 AM

AB

“ Angela Bruce lit a candle in memory of William Ernest (Bill) Riffe Sr.



Angela Bruce - June 15, 2013 at 07:46 AM



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Jackie Riffe Johnson - June 15, 2013 at 07:39 AM

LW

“ *Lisa Wasson&Family lit a candle in memory of William Ernest (Bill) Riffe Sr.*



Lisa Wasson&Family - June 15, 2013 at 02:57 AM

KW

“ *I cherish the memories i have of william and the riffe family ,i have known the family for most of my life time.his family moved close to us and we were neighbors for many many years.his family and mine had many good memiries we laughed together and we cried together,his family was there when i lost my dad in 1957 in a mine explosion.then i got to know and love the family of william and vickie riffe.the riffes and keene family walked many many roads together and many many memories that will be there for ever.love you all and prayers your way*

karen wagner - June 14, 2013 at 11:53 PM

WF

Bill has been a wonderful neighbor and just an all around good person. We are so lucky to have met him and the entire Riffe family. May he rest in peace and God bless Bill Riffe

Wyrobek Family - June 15, 2013 at 02:58 PM

VI

Thanks Karen and Trish

Vicki - June 18, 2013 at 06:45 AM