



Cleon Erick "Ricky" Rivenbark

August 3, 2015

Cleon "Ricky" Rivenbark, 78, passed away on Monday, August 3, 2015. He was a member of Horizon Community Church a native of Rocky Mount, NC and a former resident of Portsmouth for over 42 years. Ricky served in the US Air Force retired with a total of 45 years of service as a foreman for Shop #11, Norfolk Naval Shipyard and was a Safety Engineer for SUPShip. Ricky went on to retired from Earl Industries after 10 years of service.

Ricky is survived by his son, Robert (Bobby) Rivenbark and his wife, Crystal and the apple of his eye his granddaughter, Summer Ann Rivenbark; 2 grandsons, Brandon and Brenden Rivenbark; a step-granddaughter, Amanda Bland; sisters, Judy Adams, Sue Ellen Carpenter, Donna Daughtridge and husband, Scott; a brother, Randy Rivenbark, and wife, Diane, numerous nieces, nephews, devoted friends and his faithful companion, Cotton. He was predeceased by his son, Charles (Chuck) Rivenbark; his mother, Lola Rivenbark; father, B. H. Rivenbark, Sr. and his second wife, Juanita who raised Ricky; 4 brother's, N. L., Fennie, B.H., Jr., and Jimmy Rivenbark.

A graveside service with military honors will be held at 10:00 a.m. Saturday in Olive Branch Cemetery by Rev. Steve Nethery. The family will receive friends in Loving Funeral Home, Friday from 7-8 p.m. and they suggest memorial contributions to the Portsmouth Humane Society.

Previous Events

Graveside Service

AUG 8. 10:00 AM (ET)

Olive Branch Cemetery
1 CPL James Williams Ave.
Clifford Street and City Park Ave.
Portsmouth, VA 23701

Tribute Wall

CF

“ *Carl Cross & Family lit a candle in memory of Cleon Erick "Ricky" Rivenbark*



Carl Cross & family - August 10, 2015 at 07:44 AM

HB

“ *Cleon was a good friend in high school. But, as we went our separate ways in life, he was in my thoughts of where he was and what he aspired to in his life. Its sad that we reconnect with friends at times like this. My thoughts and prayers go out to his family.*

Howard Batts

Howard Batts - August 08, 2015 at 07:31 PM

TC

“ *As a high school classmate with Cleon, I just wish for peace and comfort for his family at this time. T. C. Cherry*



T. C. Cherry - August 08, 2015 at 01:16 PM

MI

“ Michelle lit a candle in memory of Cleon Erick "Ricky" Rivenbark



Michelle - August 07, 2015 at 09:02 AM

MH

“ Cleon was a well loved regular customer at our family restaurant. He was such a loving and giving man. We will all miss him terribly.



Misty Haines - August 06, 2015 at 07:19 PM



“ Jen O'Dell lit a candle in memory of Cleon Erick "Ricky" Rivenbark



Jen O'Dell - August 06, 2015 at 06:33 PM

CR

“ Chris Rivenbark lit a candle in memory of Cleon Erick "Ricky" Rivenbark



Chris Rivenbark - August 05, 2015 at 06:01 PM

NB

“ *Nikki Bailey lit a candle in memory of Cleon Erick "Ricky" Rivenbark*



Nikki Bailey - August 05, 2015 at 12:37 PM

KC

“ *Kathy Rivenbark & Children lit a candle in memory of Cleon Erick "Ricky" Rivenbark*



Kathy Rivenbark & children - August 05, 2015 at 11:56 AM

JA

“ *My dear sweet brother, Oh how I will miss you and your nightly phone calls! We always exchanged "I love yous before hanging up, I know you are reaping all the rewards that you have so deservedly earned! For now, I will cherish the memories and many good times we shared. This is not the end, just an interruption until we meet again!*



Judy adams - August 05, 2015 at 08:28 AM

SC

“ My dear brother, Cleon, oh how you will be missed on this earth! But now you are an angel watching over us who are left behind for the moment. I am crying tears of sorrow and of happiness. It is so sad that we don't have you with us now, but I am happy that you are resting in the arms of Jesus! I know you are having a great reunion with all the Rivenbarks that have gone before you. You will always be remembered by your smile and your upbeat personality. I remember so many times we have laughed and joked and cut up together. You were such a loving and giving person to everyone around you. All we can do now is cherish all the sweet memories we made together. I remember my senior year in high school when three friends and I jumped on a Greyhound bus and headed to Portsmouth to visit you. While we were there you took us to a Grand Funk Railroad concert and we toured a ship in port at the ship yard. That was 42 yrs. ago! One of the most recent happy memories I have is your surprise 75th birthday party we gave you. You were so surprised! The following week I received a card from you saying it was your "best birthday ever". That made all the planning and work for that party so worthwhile. To know that we had made your day so special and let you know how much you were loved was so rewarding to all of us! I will miss talking to you on the phone like we did from time to time. We always ended our calls with "I love you". Looking forward to seeing you again one day in heaven!
Loving you always,
Sue Ellen

Sue Ellen Carpenter - August 05, 2015 at 01:36 AM

CF

“ We are sending our love and prayers for peace and comfort to Bobby, Crystal, Judy, Sue Ellen, Randy and Donna Lisa and all Cleon's grandchildren. We are so sad he is not here in the natural, but happy that he is now all spirit and lives eternally.



Corey family - August 04, 2015 at 09:14 PM

CF

Our cousin was always kind, considerate and a blessing to us! I know my momma is happy he is with all of the family who await our entry!

Corey Family - August 05, 2015 at 09:08 PM



“ I love you brother and miss you, but I will see you again one day in that mansion in the sky. I want to send my condolences to Bobby, Crystal, and Summer Ann. I will be praying and thinking of you all during this time of sorrow. Love y'all!

Donna Daughtridge - August 04, 2015 at 08:20 PM



“ Donna Daughtridge lit a candle in memory of Cleon Erick "Ricky" Rivenbark



Donna Daughtridge - August 04, 2015 at 08:13 PM