



## Robert "Bob" Rigney Sr.

February 14, 1923 - November 2, 2018

Robert Lee Rigney Sr, or better known as "Bob" 95, of Danville VA. died Friday, November 2, 2018 at Heritage Hall in Blacksburg, Virginia.

Mr. Rigney was born in Danville, VA on February 14, 1923, son of the late William Rigney and the late Sarah J. Rigney. Bob attended Danville Public Schools and attended Moseley UMC where he met his future wife Margie Ann Shelton Rigney who he married on April 11, 1952. He joined the Air Force and was stationed at McDill Air Force Base in Tampa, Florida. Moving back to Danville he and his wife transferred membership to Trinity UMC where he was a charter member and very active in the church serving as the steward master for 30 years, chairman of Finance and Trustees, was in charge of the kitchen renovation, drove the van on many of the church's trips and served on the official board for a good many years. He was a member of the Conerly Sunday School class. Bob remembers all the former pastors and one in particular, Arthur Cooley. Cooley's first Sunday there were two pairs of shoes by the pulpit, one pair for the pastor that left and one for the one here now, don't forget which one is serving you now.

Bob traveled as a Regional Manufacturer Representative for hardware in the States of NC, SC, and VA. He was a Master Mason and a member of the Shriners.

Survivors include two daughter, Mildred R. Johnson and husband Rick of Blacksburg VA. and Bonita "Bonnie" Byrd and husband Mark of Coats NC. Four Grandchildren Lauren Doran, Sarah Ann McDowell, Caitlin Marjorie Johnson, Carrigan Teresa Johnson and one Great Granddaughter Sydney Louise Doran. Mr. Rigney had several nieces and nephews. In addition to his parents, Bob was predeceased by his wife Margie Ann Shelton Rigney, his son, Robert Lee Rigney, Jr. and three sisters and two brothers.

Funeral services will be conducted on Tuesday November 6, 2018 at 1:00 p.m. at Trinity UMC in Danville VA. with the Rev. Bobbie Henley officiating. Interment will be private interment.

The family will receive friends only at the Trinity UMC on Tuesday from 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Wrenn-Yeatts North Main Chapel is respectfully serving the Rigney Family.

# Events

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**NOV** **Visitation** 12:00PM - 01:00PM

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Trinity United Methodist Church  
409 Arnett Blvd, Danville, VA, US, 24541

**NOV** **Funeral Service** 01:00PM

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# Comments

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“ Dear Mildred, Bonnie and all of your Families, I am so thankful to have been part of Uncle Bob's life. Just this past June he picked me up from the Comfort Inn and took me to dinner at Red Lobster. That was our "go to" place when I was visiting in Danville. One of my best memories is when I was 10 (1954) Uncle Bob and Aunt Margie took me to my first "grown-up" movie, Gentlemen Prefer Blondes with Marylin Monroe and Jayne Mansfield. I think it was the Capitol Theater. I loved spending time with all of you when I was younger and visiting in Danville. Uncle Bob was also very helpful to me in my family research work, sharing lots of memories with me. It is comforting to know that he will be with his beloved Margie, Rob, Granny and Papa, my Dad and his other brothers and sisters. He leaves a wonderful legacy of love and service to all who knew him!

With deepest gratitude for a life well-lived, Betty Ann & Katherine Rigney

**Betty Ann Rigney** - November 05, 2018 at 09:33 AM

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“ Mildred, Bonnie and family, I'm out of town but wish to share my sincere condolences about Bob's passing. He was a dependable rock at TUMC and always kind.

**John D Hudson** - November 05, 2018 at 08:37 AM

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“ Since first grade, the Rigney family has been a beloved fixture in my life. Visits throughout school and especially on holidays were just what we did. Mr. Rigney had a big smile and a kind word for everyone. He just seemed to know us all. Recent year visits have been a quick stop by his house to pick up Mildred for our girlfriend beach trips. His send off was the official start of our trip. He loved us all and was generous with that love, but his love for his girls, Mildred and Bonnie, was fierce. You could see it shine in his eyes and hear the pride in his voice.

While I believe Heaven is a gift, I know Mr. Rigney earned his place. May he know love and peace forever.

**Debbie Floyd King** - November 04, 2018 at 05:38 PM