



Joseph "Pete" Russell

September 21, 1933 - February 9, 2021

Joseph Carlyle Russell known by his close friends as "Pete", died peacefully at his farm in Halifax County, VA, at the age of 87. In life, Pete was "tough as nails" and could do just about anything.

He was a farmer, horseman, cowboy, furniture maker, arborist, and an avid hunter and fisherman. He is survived by his devoted and loving partner, Jennifer Pendergrass; loving daughter, Rhonda Riddick (Bobby), two grandsons, Bobby Riddick, Jr. (Kristine) and Daniel Riddick (Susan) and four great grandchildren.

Pete was born in Ontario Canada but spent most of his childhood and young adult years in the Halifax County and Danville area. He served in the Navy on the Battleship Wisconsin.

He earned a bachelor's degree from the University of Virginia and later went on to earn his law degree from T.C. Williams School of Law at the University of Richmond. He practiced law in Richmond and was closely associated with the Virginia Farm Bureau Insurance Company.

In retirement, he spent a few years as a wilderness guide in the Bob Marshall Wilderness in Montana. In the years that followed he worked on his farm and enjoyed riding his horses and fishing. He loved his travels with friends and

family doing the things he enjoyed most.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to The Bob Marshall Wilderness Foundation at P.O. Box 190688 Hungry Horse, MT 59919.

A small graveside celebration of his life will be held on April 3rd at 2pm at the family cemetery on Carter Trail. Check GPS for Hackberry Road, Sutherlin, VA 24594.

Tribute Wall

LL

“ I will never forget the relationship Mr Pete had with my grandmother Elsie Cobbs!! May he Rest in Peace!

Latifa Lipford - February 18, 2021 at 06:13 PM

LW

“ I am so sorry for your loss!! My father, Ed Harlow, spoke of Pete often and always enjoyed his time fishing and hunting with him. I met him many years ago when they stopped by my house to dry their shirts before continuing to hunt on our farm! You are all in my thoughts and prayers. Laurie Wright

Laurie Wright - February 15, 2021 at 09:51 PM

SA

“ We were so sorry to hear the news at the Y. We loved seeing Mr. Russell's smiling face coming into the Y for a workout. He was such a regular. We will miss seeing him. Prayers for you all.

Sarah Folmar
Danville Family YMCA

Sarah - February 15, 2021 at 03:53 PM

SL

“ Rhonda,
So sorry for your loss. I will always have fond memories of Uncle Pete from my days on the farm as a child. It was always more fun when he showed up.
Love, Sue

Susan Lucado - February 13, 2021 at 03:49 PM

KD

“ Rhonda I am so sorry for your loss. Uncle Pete was the most awesome man I know except my daddy (Billy Russell) of course. I'm sure he will be dearly missed. See you in April. All my love
Kathy

Kathy Donevan - February 13, 2021 at 03:35 PM

DW

“ Pete's Family,
So sorry for your loss. i have fond memories of Pete.

DRHS Classmate,
Delfrey Tucker Warskow

Delfrey T Warskow - February 13, 2021 at 02:29 PM


Michelle
Treese

“ Pete was always so generous to us when we could come to the farm. Loved hearing his stories and watching him “invent” new things to make a task easier! We will miss him dearly and praying for you, Jennifer and Rhonda and all the family!

Andrew and Michelle



Michelle Treese - February 12, 2021 at 05:10 PM