



## Melvin Lewis Rigney Sr.

August 26, 1956 - November 8, 2024

Melvin Lewis Rigney, Sr., 68, of 960 Brookside Road, Dry Fork, VA passed away on Friday, November 8, 2024, at his residence after a decline in health for the last two months.

Melvin was born in Pittsylvania County, VA on August 26, 1956, a son of the late Beverly Allen Rigney and Helen Barbour Rigney Gravely. He spent all of his life in the Pittsylvania County area where he worked as a trim saw operator for Callands Hardwood. He was a member of Christian Fellowship Church of God.

Melvin found joy in mowing the lawn and watching wrestling and westerns on TV, especially Gunsmoke.

On September 27, 1986, he married his loving wife, Melissa Crews Rigney who survives of the residence.

In addition to his wife, Melvin is survived by his son, Melvin L. Rigney, Jr. and his wife, Meghan of the residence; daughter, Ashley Sink and her husband, Tim of Axton, VA; a special son, Hunter Parnell of the residence; grandchildren, Wayne Owens, III and his wife, Lexi and Brittney Sink. He is also survived by his sisters, Rita Vasquez (Albino), Brenda Bailey, and Patricia Newby; brothers, Allen Rigney (Nancy) and Ricky Rigney (Irene); a special

aunt, Juanita Stone; and numerous nieces and nephews.

He was predeceased by a brother, Roger Rigney and a brother-in-law, Terry Bailey.

A memorial service will be conducted on Sunday, November 17, 2024 at 2:00 P.M. at Christian Fellowship Church of God with Pastor Butch Robinson and Pastor Wade Rowland officiating.

The family will be at the residence, 960 Brookside Road, Dry Fork, VA 24549.

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

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

NOV 17. 2:00 PM (ET)

Christian Fellowship Church of God  
135 Winstead Drive  
Danville, VA 24541

# Tribute Wall

AS

“ Well Daddy its been almost 2 years since you went to be with the LORD. We love and miss you dearly down here. We know you are up there and you are not hurting in your back or legs anymore. I miss you daddy. Love always your babygirl.



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**Ashley Sink** - April 11 at 10:19 AM

AS

“ Well daddy its been 4 months since you was taking from us very shortly. I miss you so much. I can't believe you are gone. I'm just happy that you are not in all that pain anymore. I love you so much and I am doing my best to take care of momma and the family like I promised I would. YOU MIGHT BE GONE BUT YOU ARE NOT FORGOTTEN. WE LOVE YOU DADDY SO MUCH. Love you baby girl

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**Ashley Sink** - March 22, 2025 at 04:34 PM

MR

“ I don't know where to start. Melvin won my heart with those beautiful blue eyes. When we met his Uncle Bobby introduced us. We started dating and then got married. We had just celebrated 38 wonderful years together. Happy Trails darling

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**Melissa Rigney** - November 13, 2024 at 11:16 PM

MF

“ I was so blessed to have known Melivin.He was truly a good and honest man.My prayers and love are with the family.

Melissa Foley - November 12, 2024 at 12:34 PM

CC

“ Christian Fellowship Church planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Melvin Lewis Rigney Sr..

Christian Fellowship Church - November 12, 2024 at 11:43 AM

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“ Christian Fellowship Church purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Melvin Lewis Rigney Sr..



Christian Fellowship Church - November 12, 2024 at 11:43 AM

WO

“ Papa melvin was the best grandpa a man could ask for his smile was contagious and if anyone needed anything even the shirt off his back he would give it he was always so supportive no matter what pappy you are gone but never forgotten happy trails to you pappy till we meet again

Wayne Owens - November 11, 2024 at 07:56 AM

MR

“ He was an awesome father and husband and an awesome father in law he always made sure I made 2 where ever I needed 2 make it and I'll forever be his buttercup and I'll never forget that nickname or him. I Love You Daddy Melvin and I'll miss you so much

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**Meghan Rigney** - November 09, 2024 at 04:53 PM

SW

“ When I first met Melvin, he was a man of few words. As we saw each other every Sunday, we began our "chit-chat". I'm so blessed that I got to know Melvin. His smile was contagious. Melvin was the kinda guy if he saw something that needed to be done, he just did it. He never wanted any recognition. Melvin just wanted to please his God! Happy Trails!

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**Stephanie Wheeler** - November 09, 2024 at 04:52 PM

AS

“ I want to say this man was the best father a girl could ask for. He loved each of us in his own way but we loved him no matter what. I love you daddy and miss you like crazy already. Love always your baby girl

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**Ashley sink** - November 09, 2024 at 03:01 PM



Melissa Rigney

“ I find this so unreal. I know that he is in heaven with Jesus and having the time of his life. He is no longer hurting. He is running around probably mowing grass if there is grass in heaven. Babe I will miss you and will do my best to do the things you want me to do. You will always be in my heart. Love your Rump Roast. Your wife Missy

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**Melissa Rigney** - November 09, 2024 at 01:27 AM

WH

“ *My prayers are with the family im so hurt by this but im also joyful because hes gone to be with the lord and no more pain but im going to miss you Melvin your smile when im coming in the church and ill miss fixing you the mexican dish. Prayers are with the whole family.*

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**Wandahackney434@gmail.com Hackney** - November 08, 2024 at 05:51 PM



“ *HE was a good and HONEST man will miss him*

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**Keith Osborne** - November 08, 2024 at 03:37 PM

MS

*I'm going to miss my friend, I've known Melvin for a couple of years and he was a good honest servant of our Lord. I love and pray for his family.*

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**Michael Simerly** - November 08, 2024 at 04:17 PM