



Ryland B Bennett

September 20, 1936 - March 15, 2022

Ryland Branch Bennett, 85, of Danville, VA, died Tuesday, March 15, 2022 at Duke Medical Center after a decline in his health for the past three months.

Ryland was born in Danville, VA, on September 20, 1936, a son of the late Aubrey Branch Bennett and Pearl Collie Bennett. He lived his life in Pittsylvania County and Danville, and served his community in many ways during his life.

Ryland was a Funeral Director at Wrenn-Yeatts Funeral Homes since September 20, 1955, where he was owner and operator. He was a graduate of John A. Gupton School of Mortuary Science, Class of 1958. He was a member of Kentuck Baptist Church, where he served as a Trustee, a member of the choir, Deacon, and on numerous other church committees. He was a member of God's Pit Crew since 2009, a life member of the Danville Life Saving Crew, Tuscarora Country Club, a member of the GW Football Fan Club for 25 years, and a member of Kent Lodge # 305 A.F. & A.M. where he served as Past President.

On December 27, 1958 he married Dorothy Yates Bennett, who survives.

In addition to his wife, of the residence, Ryland is survived by two sons, Ryland Mark Bennett (Nancy) of Gainesville, VA; and Dudley Scott Bennett

(Jeannie) of Danville, VA; four grandchildren, Kathryn Bennett, John Bennett (Cat), Cameron Bennett, and Ryland Lee Bennett.

He was predeceased by a sister, Doris B. Morris, and a brother, Roy Dudley Bennett.

Funeral services will be held on Saturday, March 19, 2022 at 1:00 P.M. at the Wrenn-Yeatts North Main Chapel with the Reverend Ryan Busby and Mr. Randy Johnson officiating. Interment will follow the service at Highland Burial Park with masonic rites conducted by Kent Lodge # 305. A livestream of the service can be viewed from the following link at the time of service:

<https://youtu.be/xvoDGWVYLas>

The family will receive friends on Friday, March 18, 2022 from 6:00 until 8:00 PM at the Wrenn-Yeatts North Main Chapel.

The family suggests memorials may be made to God's Pit Crew, 2499 N. Main St, Danville, VA 24540 or to the Kentuck Baptist Church Building Fund, 1845 Kentuck Church Road, Ringgold, VA 24586.

Wrenn-Yeatts North Main Chapel is serving the Bennett family.

Cemetery Details

Highland Burial Park

3049 North Main Street
Danville, VA

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 18. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Wrenn-Yeatts North Main Chapel
703 North Main Street
Danville, VA 24540
(434) 793-5511
info@wrenn-yeatts.com
<https://www.wrenn-yeatts.com>

Funeral Service

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Tribute Wall



“ So sorry for your loss.

sarah Crumpton - March 19, 2022 at 01:19 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Ryland B Bennett.



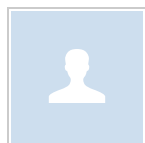
March 18, 2022 at 12:27 PM



“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Ryland B Bennett.



March 18, 2022 at 11:17 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Ryland B Bennett.



March 18, 2022 at 09:29 AM

BD

“ Condolences to the family. I feel like I have known this gentleman my entire life. He has comforted my family so many times and had such a sweet disposition. 🙏

Beverly Dillard - March 17, 2022 at 07:52 PM

CW

“ Scott and family, my sincere condolences for your loss.

Courtney Wyatt - March 17, 2022 at 07:31 PM

PD

“ Paul and Wanda DiMarco purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Ryland B Bennett.



Paul and Wanda DiMarco - March 17, 2022 at 05:09 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Ryland B Bennett.



March 17, 2022 at 04:09 PM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Ryland B Bennett.



March 17, 2022 at 02:43 PM



“ *Loving Lilies and Roses Bouquet was purchased for the family of Ryland B Bennett.*



March 17, 2022 at 01:38 PM



“ *The Turner Family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Ryland B Bennett.*



The Turner Family - March 17, 2022 at 01:29 PM



“ *We are so sorry to hear of the passing of Ryland Bennett one of my Dan River High School Men. He will be missed by all, and our Prayers are with the Family and friends in Jesus Name. Ryland was a true helper in time of needs for the People. In prayers John and Dianne Gilbert.*

John and Dianne Gilbert - March 17, 2022 at 11:52 AM



“ *I am heartbroken to hear of Ryland's passing. He always made me feel that everything would be alright. He had the ability to make you smile or laugh in the darkest of times. I will miss this good, kind and compassionate man. Deepest sympathies to Dot and family. You are in my thoughts.*

Debbie Rich Smoak - March 17, 2022 at 11:32 AM

AA

So sorry to hear of Ryland's passing. I thought at lot of him. He was always the same no matter where you saw him. Prayers for the family .

Annette and Bobby Adams - March 18, 2022 at 05:42 PM

KM

“ *So very sorry for your loss. Ryland will surely be missed. He helped so many people and was respected by all for his service and love for his community. Rest In Peace, Ryland.*

Billy & Kathy Moore

Kathy Moore - March 17, 2022 at 10:09 AM

JW

“ *Dot my prayers are with you and your fammily*



Joy Walker - March 17, 2022 at 07:24 AM

LT

“*Dot, Mark and Scott - I was so sad to hear of Ryland's death. He was my favorite person to see at church as a kid because he always had a smile for me and Certs candies! Later on, I loved singing in the choir and hearing his tenor voice behind me. Our trip to Disney World with your family was a cherished memory. Ryland always made me laugh and I know he brought a lot of joy and comfort to others over the years. It seems we've lost way too many good men over the last several years and Ryland is certainly among that number. My heart goes out to your family as I know there is now a profound feeling of loss and a large gap left. Please know my love and prayers are with you all.*

Laurie Rich Taylor

Laurie Rich Taylor - March 17, 2022 at 06:33 AM

CP

“*Ryland Bennett was my first county school bus driver & he also took my wedding pictures & Drove my limousine to my church on my wedding day. He was so kind & always remembered me. I just saw him last year still working & we chatted a pit he will truly be missed RIP ❤️*

Carolyn Perry - March 17, 2022 at 01:32 AM

NG

“*I am sorry to hear of Ryland's death. He was my friend from second grade on through high school. My condolences to his family.*

nevida grubb - March 16, 2022 at 10:47 PM

DH

“ So to hear the passing of Mr Bennett . He was always nice whenever we went to wrenn yeatts . May God comfort the family during this difficult time praying for the family



Debra Hankins - March 16, 2022 at 10:16 PM

DH

Post the candle please

Debra Hankins - March 16, 2022 at 10:18 PM

BW

“ Ryland was a special friend; his Mom was a special friend of my Mom. Ryland often shared stories about our mom's going to town together with Pearl driving her little VW. Ryland will be missed by all who knew him. Blessings!

Bob and Virginia Wiles

Bob & Virginia Wiles - March 16, 2022 at 08:39 PM

SC

“ I'm the daughter of Jerry Taylor. Just wanted to say how sorry I am for your loss. He meant a lot to my dad and when he passed a 1 1/2 agobRyland made sure that we had everything we wanted and needed. He made the impossible happen for us. Just know y'all are in my prayers.

sherry Taylor Clayton - March 16, 2022 at 08:30 PM

RP

“ *Sorry for the loss he will be missed* ”



Rachel &thomas Patton - March 16, 2022 at 07:30 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Ryland B Bennett.* ”



March 16, 2022 at 07:04 PM

BR

“ *My wife Sharon and I would like to express our sympathy to Dot, Mark, Nancy, Scott , Jeanie and all their families. Ryland was loved by many and will be missed by all. RIP Ryland* ”

Brian - March 16, 2022 at 05:57 PM

BR

“ *Ryland was a great man and I joyed working with him. Dot, Scott and the Entire Wrenn Yeatts family are all in my prayers.* ”



Brett Robertson - March 16, 2022 at 04:19 PM

BR

“ He was a very dear friend to George Rhamy and myself Beth Rhamy. We loved Ryland and his wife Dorothy. He was always busy with GPC, he and George were always busy driving big rigs for GPC and always buying breakfast or lunch for anyone who showed up at Gina’s. He was a very dear friend. He took good care of my George when George passed. My family love Ryland and Dot for sharing him ❤️🌻🌻

Beth Rhamy - March 16, 2022 at 04:07 PM

JG

“ So Sorry to hear about Ryland. Keeping the Family In Prayers at this difficult time.



Judy Brumfield & Girls - March 16, 2022 at 04:05 PM

RW

“ So Sorry to hear about Ryland. He was a good man. He will be missed. Keeping The Family in Prayers at this Difficult time.




Ron & Donna Walker - March 16, 2022 at 04:03 PM

LA

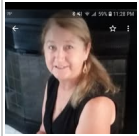
So sorry to hear the passing of Ryland. He was such sweetheart. Meant him years ago at a NASCAR event with Mark. I even ran into Ryland and Dot at the beach one year and it was like we had not lost time seeing each other. Sending hug and prayers to Dot, Mark, Scott and the family!

Lorrie Atkinson-Mims - March 18, 2022 at 08:28 AM

CF

“ Knew him first thru the DLSC with my dad; shared fun with him at my dads pool; quite a jokester . Prayers for his loving family 🙏😭


Cynthia McNeely Furgurson - March 16, 2022 at 03:35 PM



“ Sorry to see this, prayers for the family.

Dee Myers - March 16, 2022 at 02:52 PM

BR

Sorry to hear about Ryland. He was a great man and enjoyed working with him. Dot, Scott and the staff of wrenn yeatts you all are in my prayers.

Brett Robertson - March 16, 2022 at 03:43 PM

RM

Our thoughts and prayers are with the family. May God give comfort and peace. 🙏

Randy & Debbie Mattox

Randy & Debbie Mattox - March 16, 2022 at 04:03 PM

TF

Ryland was amazing person, always doing for others. He loved Dot, Mark, Scott, their wives and grandkids. I am so happy to have been his friend. He will be missed!!!! May God give his family comfort and peace!!!! Tommie Fountain

Tommie M Fountain - March 16, 2022 at 06:39 PM

PC

My deepest sympathy to Dot and family, Ryland was a great man, true friend. Prayers for all his co-workers, he will be missed by many.
Priscilla Coon

Priscilla Coon - March 16, 2022 at 07:18 PM

BS

So sorry for your loss especially to his Family. I enjoyed working for and working with Ryland at Wrenn-Yeatts. Prayers for Comfort and Peace for the family.....Barry Sides

Barry Sides - March 16, 2022 at 08:28 PM

MB

I worked with Ryland at Wrenn Yeatts for two years while going to college. He was not only a great mentor but a great friend. I will miss him very much which is a testament to how he led his life. My condolences go out to Dot, Mark, Scott and their families....Mike Browning

Mike Browning - March 16, 2022 at 09:12 PM

EM

So sorry to hear of Ryland's passing. He was a very nice man. May all the sweet memories bring the family peace.

Elaine McGee - March 16, 2022 at 11:45 PM

PP

Jacob and I are so sorry to hear of Mr. Bennett's passing. Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you.

Pam & Jacob Patterson

Pam Patterson - March 17, 2022 at 09:02 AM

AK

THE LOVE AND LAUGHTER WE SHARED WILL BE GREATLY MISSED. SLEEP WELL DEAR FRIEND. GOD BLESS DOT AND HELP HER THROUGH THIS. WE'LL MISS YOU RYLAND.

LOVE,

ALI & STEW KING

ALI & STEW KING - March 18, 2022 at 09:00 AM

SK

I only met Ryland a few years ago at our annual Jaguar club meeting in Little Switzerland, NC. Over that brief time, we saw one another four or five times, yet, when we were together, I felt like greeting an "old friend" once again, and we would get down to solving the ills of the world, like, not getting a screw to cooperate when trying to prepare his "E TYPE" Jaguar for competition! His wit was without equal, and it was a quick wit, delivered before the sentence was completed by the story teller. Ryland is and was my TRUE friend, a FRIEND indeed. His smile will be missed, along with his kindness and concern. God's heaven has another ANGEL. I miss him. Ryland's adopted friend, Stew King

Stewart King - March 18, 2022 at 09:32 AM