



Troy Lee Richardson

December 12, 1930 - December 19, 2016

Troy Lee Richardson left this earthly life surrounded and cared for at home by his loving wife and family. His health had been declining for the past 7 years and his kind and loving spirit leaves a void in many lives that cannot be filled.

Troy was born on the Richardson Family Farm in the Laurel Grove Community on December 12, 1930. His parents were Rosser Daniel and Lucille VanAntwerp Richardson. He spent the early years of his life in the Laurel Grove Community, attended Laurel Grove Baptist Church and attended local elementary schools as well as Dan River High School. His parents moved to Vero Beach, Florida in 1947 and after selling his tobacco crop, he later followed them to Florida. These were difficult times for him so he quit school and joined the United States Navy at age 17. He was proud of his military service and always said that the United States Navy provided him a home and a means to further his education. He served on the USS Tumult AM 127 from 1948-52. He would always excel in reaching goals to improve his education and family was his joy in life. He was everything that a husband, father and grandfather should be to his family and a loyal and abiding friend to many during his life.

During his service, he met and married the love of his life, Elsie Richardson of the Keeling Community. They were married on November 15th, 1950 and recently celebrated 66 years of a wonderful life together.

After his Honorable Discharge from the United States Navy, he worked hard to educate himself and make a good life for his family. He obtained his GED, graduated from Danville Technical Institute and completed the Machinery Apprentices Program, being named Outstanding Apprentice in the State of Virginia in 1956. Troy was employed at Dan River Mills for 27 years with many years as Machine Shop Supervisor and later Utilities Superintendent. He was hired on the original startup crew at Miller Brewery in 1978 and enjoyed 16 years working with a great crew of people at Miller. He retired in 1994 with fond memories of those with whom he worked. For many years, they stayed in touch by meeting at Hardee's Riverside every Thursday morning.

Troy led his family to salvation and was baptized along with his wife and children by Reverend Gerald Bridges. He was of the Baptist faith throughout his life.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his beloved daughter-in-law, Rhonda Richardson and brother-in-law, Bob Forsman.

Troy is survived by his loving wife Elsie Richardson of the residence; son, Larry Richardson of Pascagoula, Mississippi, daughter Janet (Jimmy) Bomar of Danville. sister Marie Forsman and brother Jimmy (Carolyn) Richardson all of Vero Beach, Florida. He was also a proud grandfather to eight grandchildren; Lauren (John) Pulley, Jamey Bomar and Justin Bomar of Danville, Va. Heather Richardson of Mandeville, La., Brandon Richardson of Grand Bay, Al., Jason Richardson (Karly) of Ocean Springs, Ms., Brandy Barrett (Jamie) of Bridgewater, Ma., and Nathan Richardson of Oxford, Ms. and a great-grandfather to Meredith and Jourdan Sharpe of Mandeville, La., Grayson and Lennon Richardson of Ocean Springs, Ms. and Shamus and Annalyne Barrett of Bridgewater, Ma.

A celebration of Troy's life with military honors will be conducted at Wrenn-Yeatts Westover Chapel by Reverend Darryl Joyce on Thursday, December

22nd at 2:00. The family will receive family and friends prior to the service from 1:00-2:00 and at other times will be at the residence, 1712 Westover Drive. Interment will follow at Highland Burial Park. Pallbearers will be Larry Richardson, Jimmy Bomar, Justin Bomar, Jamey Bomar, John Pulley, and Paul White.

The family suggests that memorial donations be made to the Danville Lifesaving Crew or the Danville Humane Society.

Wrenn-Yeatts Westover Chapel is serving the Richardson family.

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC **22**. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Wrenn-Yeatts Westover Chapel
5858 Riverside Drive
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Funeral Service

DEC **22**. 2:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

JD

“ *Elsie*

We are so sorry to hear about Troy. We have been and still are praying for you and your family. We pray GOD will give all of you the strength needed to get through this time in your lives. We love you all and will miss Troy.
Joe and Martha Doss



Joe Doss - December 23, 2016 at 12:46 AM

TJ

“ *Troy was one of the best men I ever met. Honest, true to his word, and a gentleman in every way. I worked with Troy and you couldn't ask for a better partner, or one who had a better work ethic, which rarely is seen today. So long Troy, and Thank You for enriching my life.*

Tom Jones

Tom Jones - December 22, 2016 at 08:07 AM

JH

“ Janet and Larry,

I was so sorry to hear about your father, but enjoyed seeing all of the photos and reading his beautiful obituary. I would love to be visit and be at the funeral but prior responsibilities will make it impossible. Please know that you both as well as your mother is in my thoughts and prayers. May God give you all a peace that only He can give during this time.

Janet Teague Hullender



Janet Hullender - December 21, 2016 at 11:19 PM

KH

“ *Deepest condolences & heartfelt sympathies.*



Kathy Hamlett - December 21, 2016 at 09:03 PM

HD

“ *I worked with Troy at the beginning of the Miller days and found him to be one of the most competent individuals I had the pleasure of working with and a true gentleman. I'll miss him.*

Hugh Dinwiddie - December 21, 2016 at 07:16 PM

LJ

“ LOVE TO ALL JONES---PAINES----COLLINS purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Troy Lee Richardson.



LOVE TO ALL JONES---PAINES----COLLINS - December 21, 2016 at 12:59 PM



“ 128 files added to the album LifeTributes



Wrenn-Yeatts Funeral Homes - December 21, 2016 at 12:44 PM

MC

“ Aunt Elsie, Janet and Larry,
So sorry to hear of Uncle Troy's passing. He was such a kind and sweet man. My thoughts and prayers are with you. May God watch over and bless you during this difficult time.
With love, Marie C. Cumbo



Marie C. Cumbo - December 21, 2016 at 08:38 AM



“ *Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of Troy Lee Richardson.*



December 21, 2016 at 08:35 AM



“ *Chris, Ashley, Courtney, Emily, and Alex Harden purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Troy Lee Richardson.*



Chris, Ashley, Courtney, Emily, and Alex Harden - December 21, 2016 at 08:20 AM



“ *Sweet Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Troy Lee Richardson.*



December 20, 2016 at 10:01 PM



“ *Magnificent Life Spray was purchased for the family of Troy Lee Richardson.*



December 20, 2016 at 08:11 PM

CO

“ LARRY, AND FAMILY---- YOU ARE ALL IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS. OUR HEARTS HURT SO BAD FOR YOUR LOSS. REMEMBER , GOD HAS THEM IN HIS LOVING ARMS. LOVE COLLINS, JONES, AND PAINE'S

COLLINS - December 20, 2016 at 02:22 PM