



James "Pete" Riggs Jr.

November 10, 1941 - August 7, 2014

James "Pete" Riggs, Jr., age 72 of Wheeling, WV, died Thursday, August 7, 2014 at his home.

He was born November 10, 1941 in Wheeling, the son of the late James P., Sr. and Evelyn Reinhardt Riggs.

He was a retired Teamster Truck Driver for Scott Lumber Company and also a retired employee of Target. He was a member and Deacon of 1st Christian Church Disciples of Christ, Wheeling, and a lifetime member of the Cave Club. He enjoyed wood working, golfing and WVU football.

In addition to his parents he was preceded in death by a sister, Karen Cook.

Survivors include his wife of 52 years, Rose LeMasters Riggs; two sons, James W. (Shannon) Riggs of Moundsville, and David (Kerrie) Riggs of Wheeling; one daughter, Kathleen (Craig) Knight of Wheeling; one sister, Kathy (Richard) Strawn of Meadville, PA; nine grandchildren, Jarred Strawn, Alyssa Hough, Courtney Riggs, James B. Riggs, Jordan Riggs, Zach Knight, Justin Riggs, Alex Knight and Jessie Riggs, and numerous nieces and nephews.

Family will receive friends Monday, 2-4 and 7-9pm at Grisell Funeral Home & Crematory, 1 Ridgecrest Road, Bethlehem/Wheeling where Funeral Services will be held Tuesday at 11am with Rev. Kenneth Hardway officiating. Interment in Ebenezer Cemetery, Bethesda, OH.

Memorial blood donations may be made to any of your local blood drives or the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society, 1311 Mamaroneck Avenue, Suite 310,

White Plains, NY 10605.

Cemetery Details

Ebenezer Cemetery

Bethesda, OH

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 11. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Grisell Funeral Home & Crematory- Wheeling/Bethlehem
1 Ridgecrest Road
Bethlehem/Wheeling, WV 26003
(304) 232-0400
<https://www.grisellfuneralhomes.com/>

Visitation

AUG 11. 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

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Funeral Service

AUG 12. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

AK

“ *Our sympathy and prayers on your loss.
Ann & Bruce Koegler*

Ann Koegler - August 12, 2014 at 07:28 AM

JS

“ *Words can't even begin to express the loss I feel for my Uncle Pete. Its sad to lose someone so quickly, never getting the chance to say thank you face to face or give that one last goodbye. The memories you left with me are more valuable then I ever expressed. We always think we have time to do or say the right thing or what's on our heart. But as Aunt Rose shared with me, saying I love you before you leave was so important to you and now I know why....*

You Uncle Pete gave me some of the best memories a kid could ever ask for. I am so grateful for all that you and Aunt Rose did for us kids. I knew how awesome of an uncle you were but it sure is a joy to read that others were impacted by your friendship, kindness, and generosity. I love you Uncle Pete. Thank you for being my Uncle.

PS... Say HI to Mom, Gram & Pap for me.

Jennifer Stevens - August 12, 2014 at 12:56 AM

JP

*I got a Bible signed by a pete riggs in which was handed down by my grandfather. My grandfather passed away 18 yrs ago .my uncle said he remembered it signed when he was a little boy but don't remember much more.Can somebody send me more info on pete riggs
jpickard082767@gmail.com.*

JOHN PICKARD - October 12, 2020 at 03:06 PM

MC

“ *Mary Louise Cole lit a candle in memory of James "Pete" Riggs Jr.*



Mary Louise Cole - August 11, 2014 at 08:14 PM

MC

“ *Rosie,
We were so sorry to hear Jim had passed away.
Please know our thoughts, prayers and love are with you and your family.
Mary Louise & Fred Cole, Sr.*

Mary Louise Cole - August 11, 2014 at 08:14 PM

CM

“ *Dear Rosie,*

I am so saddened by Jim's passing. He was such a sweet and loving man. I feel blest to have known him. I pray that your memories will comfort you during this most difficult time. I want you to know that I am here if you need anything.

Love,

Colleen

Colleen Megna - August 11, 2014 at 04:19 PM

DW

“ Dave Woody

I have so many good memories of Jim, it is hard to know where to start. When I first started dating Cindy, he was one of the first members of the extended family to welcome me. He was kind, gentle, and even a little onery, which made him one of my favorite people. At our wedding, he had a great time, even though he looked a little uncomfortable in that tux, but he was having fun. I enjoyed playing chess and golf with him, because he was always gracious and even-tempered, no matter how the game was going. Our last time out at Wheeling Park, he played better than I did, even though his cataracts were bothering him so much that I had to be his "eyes" and keep track of his ball for him. His calm approach to those things was typical of his approach to life, and to the medical problems he faced at the end.

I remember him demonstrating his new stereo system for me by playing Pink Floyd's " Wish You Were Here " album (he knew I loved them and he wanted to show how cool he was). I won a coveted prize at his Halloween party for Most Creative Costume (and still have the tiny trophy that went with it). And, of course, there were all the great discussions about Mountaineer football (his second great passion, Rose coming first).

You will be greatly missed, my friend - a fine man, good husband, caring father, and excellent example for us all. Love you, and miss you already.

David Woody - August 11, 2014 at 10:10 AM

LI

“ Dave & Family, I am very sorry about the loss of your Father. Prayers and Condolences are with you at this time. Libby

Libby - August 11, 2014 at 09:29 AM

SM

“ *Riggs Family,
I am so sorry for your loss. I used to work with him at Target and although I did not know him well he was a very sweet man and always had a smile on his face. He will be sadly missed.*

Sue Michael

Sue Michael - August 11, 2014 at 07:32 AM

SM

“ *Sorry Jimmy and Kathleen for your family's loss. Your dad was a good man. May God give your family the strength to handle the next few days. Be strong. Your dad would have wanted it that way. My thoughts and prayers are with your family. Celebrate his life.*

Shari McFarland - August 10, 2014 at 09:08 PM

LW

“ *I am saddened to read of your great loss. We were old neighbors of the Riggs family on Grant Ave., and have good memories of those times. Mr Riggs always had a smile and thoughtful greeting when we would drive by or stop to visit. And Kathleen was our babysitter. Those were special years. Our thoughts and prayers to you all. Liz Fast, Sarah and Laura*

Liz Fast Witten - August 09, 2014 at 11:22 AM

TH

“ *My name is tammie hercules I was a coeorker of jims he always made me smile and every time he saw me at wirk he would sing me that song from tammie and the doctor the old movie if anyone remembers it I will miss jim very much and he would also give us all a piece of his gum every morning before we start to work he was our energy .rest in peace jim*

tammie hercules - August 08, 2014 at 08:30 PM

SS

“ Jim was a very special part of our Target family. He always had a kind word and worked harder than most. His positive attitude was infectious and I'm blessed to have known him. Prayers to you Rosie.

Sharon Sleeth - August 08, 2014 at 06:40 PM

CC

“ So much more than a cousin, Jim was like a brother and great friend to David and I. He's always been "Uncle" Jim to our kids. A great supporter of me always but especially during my years in the WVU marching band. He was a super WVU fan and we shared that passion and special bond. He truly "fought like a mountaineer"! And now the "Country Roads" have led him home. God has taken a truly kind and wonderful man who made this world a better placed because he was part of it. The Mountaineer ranks increased by one in heaven. when Jim left us. His voice will echo back to us with each chant of "Let's go Mountaineers' on game days, but we'll so miss the post game discussions we shared. We'll always remember and miss you Jim! Cindy. Lets goooooo!

Cindy Woody. cousin - August 08, 2014 at 02:18 PM

BN

“ My condolences to you and your family, Dave. It is never easy when a loved on passes but we have hope of a fture life.
Bob Nicandro BNYM

Bob Nicandro - August 08, 2014 at 12:56 PM