



## Rebecca "Becky" Sue Riggs

June 13, 1946 - March 1, 2014

Riggs, Rebecca "Becky" Sue Eckard., age 67 of Cameron, WV passed away Saturday, March 1, 2014 in Allegheny General Hospital, Pittsburgh, PA after her courageous battle with cancer, surrounded by her family.

She was born June 13, 1946 in Washington, PA, the daughter of LaVerne Zankowski Eckard of Hickory, PA, and the late Ralph Eckard.

She was the beloved wife of Jerry Riggs, whom she married on March 13, 1982. They spent their almost 32 years together sharing a love for pulling draft horses.

Becky was a notorious announcer at these events, and thoroughly enjoyed entertaining the audience.

She was an elder of the Cameron 1st Presbyterian Church, where she was actively involved.

For those who knew her, she will be remembered as one of the most strong-minded, good-humored, and great-hearted women we have ever known.

She has spent the past 50 years being a devoted mother to her son, Dennis Schurr.

In addition to her mother, Becky is survived by her loving husband, Jerry Riggs; a son, Dennis (Jami) Schurr of Hopedale, OH; a sister, Victoria (Randy) Bonzo of Hickory, PA; special friend and caregiver, Craig Chambers; three grandchildren, Crystal (Nathan) Best, Amber (Hank) Crawford, and Austin Schurr; three great-grandchildren, Jonathan and Jaikob Best, and Jozi Crawford; a niece, Jennifer Lowry; a great-nephew, Garrett Reihner; and four

admired dogs, who will greatly miss her.

Family will receive friends on Wednesday from 2-4 and 6-9pm at Grisell Funeral Home & Crematory, 400 Jefferson Ave., Moundsville, WV where funeral services will be held Thursday at 11am with Mark Crow and Mike Dunn officiating.

Interment in Highland Cemetery, Cameron.

Memorial contributions may be made to Cameron 1st. Presbyterian Church, 2 Church St., Cameron, WV 26033.

# Cemetery Details

## Highland Cemetery

Cameron, WV

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR 5. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Grisell Funeral Home - Moundsville  
400 Jefferson Ave  
Moundsville, WV 26041  
(304) 845-0400  
<https://www.grisellfuneralhomes.com/>

## Visitation

MAR 5. 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

Grisell Funeral Home - Moundsville  
400 Jefferson Ave  
Moundsville, WV 26041  
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## Funeral Service

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MAR 6. 11:00 AM (ET)

Grisell Funeral Home - Moundsville  
400 Jefferson Ave  
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# Tribute Wall

LB

“ I just informed of Becky passing, I know for certain that we never lose the people we love, even to death. They continue to participate in every act, thought and decision we make. Their love leaves an indelible imprint in our memories. We find comfort in knowing that our lives have been enriched by having shared their love. Friends are the pillars on your porch. Sometimes they hold you up, sometimes they lean on you, and sometimes it's just enough to know that they are standing by. Becky came into my life when I needed hope, kindness and, most of all fun during a very tragic time. And every time I saw Becky I could count on her for all of the above. I love you Becky we will miss you deeply  
Liz and Jeff Barcellino

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**Liz Barcellino** - March 11, 2014 at 09:26 PM

KB

“ Jerry and family,  
Greatly surprised & saddened learning of Becky's passing. Many childhood memories of Becky at so many horse pulls w/my Dad (Roland) & Grandpap (Wiley). Sending prayers & sympathy from our family. Let God carry you through this sad time.

Sincerely,  
Kim Geho Blackwell

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**Kimberly Geho Blackwell** - March 05, 2014 at 09:19 PM

DC

“ Jerry, Craig and Family,

*Our hearts go out to you in this time of sorrow. Becky will be greatly missed! She and I had many good conversations over the years at horse pulls. The pulls won't be the same without her. Through your sorrow and grief, just remember she is resting in a better place now.*

*God Bless!  
Bill, Debbie & Sam Cole*

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**Debbie Cole** - March 05, 2014 at 02:09 PM

JG

“ Jerry, my thoughts are with you and your family- Jim Grover

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**Jim Grover** - March 05, 2014 at 09:29 AM

DE

“ Jerry, you have my deepest sympathy of your Wife passing away.  
Hope to see down the road.

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**David Estep** - March 05, 2014 at 09:11 AM

JC

“ Thinking of your family in this time of sorrow. She will be missed.

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**Jodi and Mike Cole** - March 05, 2014 at 08:05 AM

KC

“ To the family my deepest sympathy. To Becky,thank you for the memories that i have and will always have from"Back in the day"

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**Keith Crowe** - March 04, 2014 at 09:50 PM

JF

“ Sorry to hear about becky's passing. The horse pulls won't be the same with out her. John&Darlene Seevers

john & Darlene Seevers (friends of the f - March 04, 2014 at 08:49 PM

MW

“ Jerry and family,

*My thoughts and prayers are with you.  
Praying for friends to comfort you,  
Faith to uphold you, and  
Loving memories to carry you through.*

*Marva J. Woody  
Columbia, SC*

Marva J Woody - March 04, 2014 at 08:53 AM

PR

“ to Jerry and family our thoughts and prayers are with you Becky will be greatly miss rest in peace Becky you deserve the rest miss you!!!! Phil Paulette and Mike Rine

paulette rine - March 04, 2014 at 08:07 AM

AP

“ ALL THE GUYS AT PERFORMANCE purchased the A Full Life for the family of Rebecca "Becky" Sue Riggs.



ALL THE GUYS AT PERFORMANCE - March 04, 2014 at 07:48 AM

JW

“ *Becky was a wonderful person, always friendly and a smile, we were lucky to have known her, our prayers go out to Jerry and her family.*

*Jimmy and Lila wilson*

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**Jim and Lila wilson** - March 04, 2014 at 07:13 AM

TS

“ *I've know Becky for quite a few years. Use to help her at the fairs with her tack trailer. She was always there for anyone who needed her. She was one of the best friends that I have know and been privileged to have in my life. My thoughts and prayers go out to her mother, Jerry and Dennis. She was always doing something with the horses, right along with Jerry and knew what she was doing. Don Trautman and Becky were always teasing each other and she would get the best of him every time. I have not seen her for quite a few years but have always thought about her.*



*My thoughts and prayers are with her whole family. You lost her too early.*

*Teresa Manon Smith*

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**Teresa Manon Smith** - March 04, 2014 at 06:56 AM

TB

“ *Terri Brock lit a candle in memory of Rebecca "Becky" Sue Riggs*



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**Terri Brock** - March 03, 2014 at 07:17 PM

TB

“ I've known Becky since 1981. I had the privilege to stand up with her & Jerry when they got married. She was a very talented lady. I don't think that there wasn't anything that she could do. She was great with horses and animals of any kind. She loved the outdoors, especially the horse pulls. I remember going to many a horse pull from 1982 to 1986 with them. Sleeping in the back of that old cattle truck that we brought the horses in. We'd shovel it out, put down a fresh bed of hay and sleep in our sleeping bags. We washed off in the watering troughs at various horse pulls that we were at. One of the greatest memories is when we won the WV State Championship. We were all flying high that day! I didn't think we'd ever wipe that smile off of Jerry's face! She was a great cook! I helped cook many a meal with her, made cinnamon rolls (that were out of this world) & nut rolls. She had a flare for decorating and could make a handful of flowers look amazing! I was blessed to have her in my life and in my daughter's lives...her grand daughters, Crystal & Amber. Even though I haven't been a part of the family for many years, no matter when I'd see her, she'd give me a big hug and kiss and tell me she missed me. My heart goes out to Jerry, her husband, Dennis, her son, & his wife Jami & Craig, to her mother, Vern, her grandchildren, Crystal, Amber & Austin and her sister Vicki, her niece Jennifer & nephew Tim. Nothing will ever replace her in your hearts. She will be missed by many. May God give you peace & comfort in the days ahead. Terri & Steve Brock

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**Terri Brock** - March 03, 2014 at 07:16 PM

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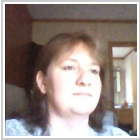
“ *Our deepest sympathy to the Riggs family.  
Our prayers are with you during this difficult  
time.*

*Hal & Nancee Tate  
Tate Farms  
Shreve, OH*



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**Nancee Tate** - March 03, 2014 at 07:02 PM



“ *sending our prayer out to the family*

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**Wendy Clark** - March 03, 2014 at 05:36 PM

TH

“ *Our prayers are with your family. Tammy Haner and Dick and Rita  
Shriver*

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**Tammy Haner** - March 03, 2014 at 03:40 PM



“ Where do you start about Becky Riggs, those of us that were blessed to be able to call her our friend were very lucky. When you saw her and Jerry you were able to witness true love at its finest. They loved each other as much as they loved the sport of Pulling horses. They were a couple as a younger person you looked at hoped that one day you would be lucky enough to find. They shared so much and you always saw them together and seldom apart. She opened her heart to everyone no matter if you were her biggest competitor or not. She always offered you a hug and made you feel like you were so loved even on your lowest points. She was the funniest with her little dogs and she would always laugh at me when I went to the truck to aggravate them just to get them going and then tell Craig to go and check on them.



Horsepulling is truly lost a mile stone in its history. Everyone that ever seen her at the horse pull knows how it was the flame in her heart. She was always willing to lend a hand whether it was moral support to letting you borrow anything she had if you needed it. She would always be there when I need a little girl time since it is such a guy sport and was one of my biggest fans since I was the odd ball.....LOL She would drive where ever it was if she thought she would see a good pull. It was always a treat to see her root for Jerry as she was announcing...

I know that heaven is blessed to receive someone like her and I know she will be looking after all of the old pulling horses and making sure they are treated right. I also she is up there giving Max and all of the hell along the pulling lines up there. Never fear she will keep them all straight now.

My thoughts and prayers go out to Jerry, Craig and Dennis as I know how hard this must be.

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Teri Arnold - March 03, 2014 at 02:40 PM