



Richard Saunders

May 14, 1953 - October 21, 2016

Bluefield, WV- Richard Allen Saunders, born on May 14, 1953, in Arlington, WV, the sixth child to the late Percy Sr. and Catherine Spencer- Saunders. He peacefully passed away Friday, October, 21, 2016 at Bluefield Regional Hospital.

At an early age, he accepted Christ and was baptized at First Missionary Baptist Church, McDowell, WV. He was Educated in the McDowell Public Schools and graduated from Northfolk High School. He moved to the Bronx, NY and attended John Jay College of Criminal Justice. Ricky worked for New York City Department of Correction and later returned to McDowell County. His employers were the Coal Miners Association and NNW Railroad which he retired after 32 years. Ricky enjoyed hunting, fishing, gardening and sports. Preceded in death his sister, Deborah Neal and brother, Edward Saunders. A loving Husband, Father and Brother, leaves to cherish his memories: his wife, Josephine Saunders of the home; children, Reshay (William) Johnson, of Thomasville, NC, Crystal Saunders of Kyle, WV, Jamhal Saunders of Bluefield, WV, Zanibia Brown-Saunders of Atlanta, GA, Nicole and Rosa of Bluefield, WV; brother, Leon Saunders of Bronx, NY; sisters, Rosalind (Willie) Cody of Bronx, NY, and Phyllis (Rev. John T.) Brown of Mocksville, NC; brother, Percy Jr. (Freda) Saunders of N. Wilkesboro, NC; twelve grandchildren; host of nieces, nephews, relatives and friends to include a grandson reared in the home Marquis Saunders.

Funeral services will be conducted on Saturday October 29, 2016 at 11:00

a.m. from the Mercer Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. Richard Davis officiating. The family will receive friends at the funeral home on Saturday from 10:00 a.m. until the service hour.

Burial will follow at Restlawn Memorial Gardens where family members and friends will serve as pallbearers.

Those wishing to share memories or condolence messages with the family may do so by visiting www.MercerFuneralHome.com Mercer Funeral Home & Crematory is serving the family of Mr. Richard Allen Saunders.

Cemetery Details

Restlawn Memorial Park

Route 20
Bluefield, WV 24701

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **29**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Mercer Funeral Home Chapel
1231 West Cumberland Road
Bluefield, WV 24701

Funeral Service

OCT **29**. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Richard Saunders*

October 05, 2023 at 06:08 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Richard Saunders.*



October 28, 2016 at 10:48 PM



“ *Sending words of comfort to the family. May God bless you and give you peace during this difficult time. We will miss him..Love and Prayers, Seedy and Inez*

Issah Dodson - October 28, 2016 at 08:24 PM



“ *Sending heartfelt condolences to the Saunders family. Praying God will comfort you in your time of loss. Stephen and Nerissa Hairston*

Nerissa Hairston - October 27, 2016 at 08:57 PM



Sending comfort to the Saunders family. R.I.P. Richard you will be sadly missed. Heaven has claimed another Angel. Lenora (Harris) Saunders and family..

Lenora Saunders - October 27, 2016 at 11:44 PM

ST

“ To The Saunders's Family, our thoughts and prayers are with you, I remember when we had our Family Reunion in Bluefield and we went to Rick's home and he welcomed us with open arms. He was very nice. R.I. P. Cousin Rick !!

Shirley Taylor - October 27, 2016 at 09:59 AM



Amen our thoughts and prayers are with you even though we are unable to travel to W.Va

Berta Bigbee - October 28, 2016 at 07:11 AM

MC

We send our thoughts and prayers for peace to Rick's wife Josephine and the family during this time of loss. Rick left behind some fond memories that will live on. RIP Rick.

Michael and Sharon Clemons - November 03, 2016 at 07:37 PM

KM

“ R. I. P. Rick you were the coolest man I remember growing up as a kid rest easy tell my daddy and they rest up my family hello and I send my condolences to all the family crystal popcorn and Jamal keep heads up I know this is a hard pill to swallow and trust me it don't get no better but keep God on y'all side and you all will be alright love Trina Brooks Morris

Katrina Brooks Morris - October 27, 2016 at 06:33 AM

SH

“ YOU WAS MORE LIKE A BROTHER THAN A FRIEND TO ME RICK, I'M GOING TO MISS YOU SO MUCH, I'M GOING TO MISS YOUR LAUGHTER MOST OF ALL, WE WERE NEIGHBORS COMING UP, AND REMAINED NEIGHBORS AND FRIENDS IN OUR HEARTS ALWAYS, I WROTE THIS POEM ABOUT OUR FRIENDSHIP:
GOOD FRIENDS ARE HARD TO FIND, HARD TO LEAVE, AND IMPOSSIBLE TO FORGET, AND OUR FRIENDSHIP WAS IMPRINTED IN OUR HEARTS AND WILL NEVER BE DIMINISHED BY TIME.....REST IN POWER RICK

STEPHEN HUDSON - October 26, 2016 at 01:52 PM

VJ

More than friend you treated me like a lil brother times we spent with that bow and arrow and practicing with the rifle. We shared some long talks a few drinks and a brotherhood that I will always remember. And before I did something that I probably would have regretted till this day you removed me from the situation thank you..Best words I ever heard were hey I'm going to New York tomorrow wanna ride My clothes were in the washer the next day we left WV headed to NY you dropped me in the Bronx gave me a few \$\$ and I hit the train to Brooklyn..Thanks for everything Rick I'm sure the Mcdowell family were waiting on your arrival RIH LOVE YOU BRO.

Victor Johnson - October 26, 2016 at 07:10 PM

SM

“ *Rick you will truly be missed . I so remember our times in West VA when our children where babies. The times in Roanoke as well we have a lot of great memories I can hold on to. You were a big brother, cousin and friend all wrapped into one God makes no mistakes he only takes the best and you were one of his private stock collection there will never be another Rick.*

SOPHIA R MEDLEY - October 25, 2016 at 11:17 AM

JR

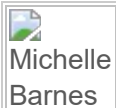
IM so sorry you had to go away I ll always remember the times we use to play As neighbor we were more than friends not even death will seperate us as family. Fly on and get your wings you deserve to rest and one of these days we will join you in the eternal rest RIP My Friend Joyce Collins Reynolds Hickory NC.

JOYCE REYNOLDS - October 26, 2016 at 04:56 PM

FD

Percy and family so sorry for you loss May you find comfort in the Lord. Your neighbor Freddie and Sheila

Freddie and Sheila Dodson - October 26, 2016 at 11:02 PM



Michelle Barnes

We are family, and you always held a special place in my heart....can't believe you are gone. May you Rest in Peace.... May God continue to comfort your spouse and family.

Michelle Barnes - October 26, 2016 at 11:38 PM

SJ

*Prayers & condolences
Larry & Sherry Jones*

sherry Jones - October 27, 2016 at 08:03 PM

KM

To the Family of Richard Saunders, we thank God for the life you lived and the impact you made on your family and friends. We ask you Lord to strengthen each of them as they deal with Ricky's transition and we trust You every step of the way to keep them all in perfect peace as they keep their minds stayed on You. In the mighty, matchless name of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. Love to the Family --Kathy Cousins McKoy and Family

Kathy Cousins McKoy - October 27, 2016 at 08:41 PM

MM

My condolences to the bereaved family. Praying for comfort during times like this to you Josephine and Percy.

Mary Myers - October 27, 2016 at 09:57 PM