



## Richard Ernest Wilkinson

February 22, 1960 - October 27, 2022

Richard Ernest “Rick” Wilkinson, beloved son and brother, passed away unexpectedly on October 27, 2022 at the age of 62.

Rick was born in Pineville, West Virginia on February 22, 1960, and he was the son of R.W. “Buzzy” Wilkinson and Patricia Ann Hayes Wilkinson.

He is survived by his mother and younger brother Frank Warren Wilkinson and his wife Gina Butcher Wilkinson. Also, two nieces, Anne Warren Wilkinson and Caroline Pearson Hayes Wilkinson, and nephew Frank Thomas Wilkinson.

Rick graduated from Virginia Episcopal School and Ferrum College in Virginia. After graduation he returned home to Bluefield.

Rick was a noted animal lover and he spent many hours caring for and raising various pets throughout his life. He enjoyed all outdoor activities, especially fishing and hunting in Bland County Virginia. He especially enjoyed spending time with his family and friends. A special thanks to close friends John and Robbie who has been steadfast friends of Rick over the years.

Following Rick’s wishes there will be a private family service at a later time.

Those wishing to make a gift in memory of Rick are asked to make a donation to Christ Episcopal Church for the Food Pantry located at 200 Durhring Street, Bluefield, West Virginia.

Those wishing to share memories or condolence messages with the family may do so by visiting [www.MercerFuneralHome.com](http://www.MercerFuneralHome.com) Mercer Funeral Home & Crematory is serving the family of Mr. Richard Ernest “Rick” Wilkinson.



# Tribute Wall



“ I worked with Rick in 97’ before joining the Marines. I am just now learning of his passing. I’ll miss fishing at the Cabin with him. Brad Perkins

William Perkins - July 07, 2024 at 11:36 PM



“ Richard Ernest Wilkinson

October 05, 2023 at 06:08 PM



“ Frank and the Wilkinson family,  
So sorry to hear about Rick's sudden passing. I have not seen Rick in years, but while growing up in Bluefield, he was a good guy. My thoughts and prayers go out to the Wilkinson family.  
Greg Spry  
Roanoke, VA

Greg Spry - November 06, 2022 at 11:23 AM



“ Mr. Wilkinson was a dear friend. I met him several years ago, and over time built a great friendship with him. He always cared for his community and especially his brother Frank and his family. Most of the time I spoke to him, he always talked about his brother and how proud he was of him. I hope Preacher is by your side, Mr. Wilkinson. To the Wilkinson family, please know me and my family sends our deepest condolences.

-The Dalton Family

Jeannie Dalton - November 03, 2022 at 11:40 PM

EH

“ Frank and family,  
I am so sorry to hear about Rick. My sincere condolences and prayers during this sad and difficult time.  
Elaine (Robinette) Hinchler

Elaine Hinchler - November 02, 2022 at 08:31 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Richard Ernest Wilkinson.



November 02, 2022 at 10:19 AM

WA

“ Wanda lit a candle in memory of Richard Ernest Wilkinson



Wanda - November 02, 2022 at 06:24 AM

JB

“ Frank - I am so sorry to hear about your brother's death. As you mourn the loss of your brother, please accept our prayers and our love. - Janet & Roger Bailey



Janet & Roger Bailey - November 01, 2022 at 09:05 PM

CA

“ So sorry to Rick's family. We had spent a lot of time together over the years and had lunch planned for next week. Just shows we never know when God needs us home.

Carla Akers - November 01, 2022 at 06:40 PM

JB

“ We are so very sorry for your loss. Rick was a wonderful friend and he will be greatly missed.!



Julie Burton - November 01, 2022 at 03:35 PM

BC

“ So shocked and saddened by the passing of Rick. He was a great friend.

Becky S Compton - November 01, 2022 at 12:34 PM

GS

“ So sorry for your loss. I have such fond memories of Rick, especially from Faurview Jr High where first met him. He was always so funny, happy, and friendly.

Gary Spry - November 01, 2022 at 11:39 AM

JS

“ Frank and Gina,  
We are so saddened by the passing of Rick. We always thought so much of him. Please know that you all are in our thoughts and prayers.

Joe and Karen Simon - November 01, 2022 at 09:02 AM