



Ricky Gene Akers

December 29, 1965 - March 16, 2015

Bluefield, WV- Ricky Gene Akers, 49, of Bluefield, WV, died Monday March 16, 2015 doing what he loved, playing basketball.

Born December 29, 1965 in Bluefield, WV, he was a son of Betty S. Shephard of Bluefield, WV and the late Raymond Gene Akers.

Ricky was an Area Manager for Performance Foodservice and was of the Baptist Faith. He was a member of the Bluefield Moose Lodge and was an avid basketball player. The most important part of his life were his girls, Noel and Miah, and he enjoyed spending time with them.

In addition to his mother, he is survived by his daughters, Christina Noel Akers and Miah Grace Akers, both of Bland, VA; one brother, Teddy Akers of Bluefield, WV; and two nephews, Timmy Ray Akers and Alex Akers, both of Bluefield.

The family will receive friends at Mercer Funeral Home on Thursday March 19, 2015 from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Funeral services will be conducted on Friday March 20, 2015 at 11:00 a.m. from the Mercer Funeral Home Chapel with Minister David Bailey officiating. Burial will follow at Maple Hill Cemetery in Bluefield, VA where Timmy Akers, Dakota Jones, Charlie Johnson, Danny Johnson, Shawn Rhodes, Asher Dillow, Chris Smith, Mark Tinsley, and Tim Carbaugh 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. Ricky Gene Akers.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 19. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Mercer Funeral Home & Crematory
1231 West Cumberland Road
Bluefield, WV 24701
(304) 327-6155
mercerc@mercercfuneralhome.com
<https://www.mercercfuneralhome.com/>

Funeral Service

MAR 20. 11:00 AM (ET)

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

Tribute Wall



“ *Mercer Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Ricky Gene Akers*



Mercer Funeral Home - March 19, 2015 at 11:19 AM



“ *Ricky Gene Akers*

October 05, 2023 at 06:08 PM



“ *Not forgotten.. thought of every day!*

shawn rhodes - March 16, 2016 at 02:42 PM



“ *Your Neighbors; Powells lit a candle in memory of Ricky Gene Akers*



Your Neighbors; Powells - March 27, 2015 at 10:09 AM

YP

“ *Ms. Akers and family:*

Our deepest condolences to you and your family. Your son was a really nice man and very friendly no matter where he was seen. Job well done with him. May God continue to comfort you and your family like only HE can. May His arms of peace comfort you and your family in the upcoming days & months.

Your Neighbors, The Powells

Your Neighbors; Powells - March 27, 2015 at 10:08 AM

SH

“ *Rick always set in the same area at Bingo as I did. He loved playing. he was a very nice young man. He will be missed.*



Sharon Hodock - March 23, 2015 at 06:23 AM

SR

“ *2 files added to the album New Album Name*



shawn rhodes - March 21, 2015 at 12:37 PM

BC

“ *Our deepest condolences to the entire Family.
Please know that you are in our thoughts and prayers.
Quentin & Beverly Crenshaw*

Beverly Crenshaw - March 20, 2015 at 08:13 PM

MW

“ *To Ricks Family:
You are in our thoughts and prayers during this VERY difficult time.
Rick served our store when he was with Brown Food Service.
Always a very happy man who always talked about his family. We
share in your grief, and pray that God will Bless you with many
pleasant memories.
Mark Wagner
Pocahontas IGA*

Mark Wagner - March 20, 2015 at 01:51 PM



“ *Trisha Mercury lit a candle in memory of Ricky
Gene Akers*



Trisha Mercury - March 20, 2015 at 12:05 PM



“ *Rick was a great man ,he will be missed . Rick
Thank You for caring about my Family and I ,
as he did for all his employees .Best manager
there ever was or ever will be . Blessed Be
Friend*



Trisha Mercury - March 20, 2015 at 12:05 PM

MM

“ Rick you will be missed! My prayers are with your family.

Matt Mullens - March 20, 2015 at 08:09 AM

MP

“ Rick you will be missed my friend. Prayers to your Family, especially your two girls. I know your up in heaven trying to start a pick up basketball game! May God hold you in his hand until we meet again my friend

Micheal Proffitt - March 19, 2015 at 10:40 PM

V(

“ I am so sorry Teddy about your brother. My prayers go out to you and the family.

Virginia Hicks (Cole)

Virginia Hicks (Cole) - March 19, 2015 at 05:59 PM

TS

“ Wish that I was with the family right now my thoughts are with you all



tammy sluss - March 19, 2015 at 05:54 PM

NL

“ I have quite a few fond memories of playing quite a few pick-up basketball games with Rick and his father Ray at Bluefield City Park back in the early 90's. They were both fine men and great competitors. My sincere condolences to the family.

Newton Lambert - March 19, 2015 at 05:09 PM

LR

“ *Linda Roberts lit a candle in memory of Ricky Gene Akers*



Linda Roberts - March 19, 2015 at 03:54 PM

LR

“ *I met Rick at Bingo. He was a very nice person and I enjoyed getting to know him. He will be missed by the many friends he had at Bingo. My condolences to the family and prayers for his girls.*

Linda Roberts - March 19, 2015 at 03:53 PM

JS

“ *I am so sorry to hear about Ricky. My thoughts and prayers are with each and everyone of yal. If I can do anything please let me know.*
Jackie

Jackie Sluss - March 19, 2015 at 03:46 PM

JS

“ *Jackie Sluss lit a candle in memory of Ricky Gene Akers*



Jackie Sluss - March 19, 2015 at 03:44 PM

LP

“ *my condolences to the akers family, rick's passing is a great loss for everyone. He was a great man & well respected by everyone.*

lisa poff - March 19, 2015 at 11:42 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of Ricky Gene Akers.



March 19, 2015 at 11:25 AM



“ *The folks from Big John's, Abingdon VA* purchased the *Secret Garden Basket* for the family of Ricky Gene Akers.



The folks from Big John's, Abingdon VA - March 19, 2015 at 10:43 AM

S1

“ I have always included Rick in any conversation I have ever had with anyone about my experience as a player at BSC. I use him as an example to every young man or lady I have coached over the years for his tenacity, his drive, determination, and aggressive play. As a freshman, Rick taught me the value of becoming a stronger player as well as a person. I could not have become 1/2 the player I became while I attended BSC without Rick Akers being a teammate and a mentor in the game. I always enjoyed seeing Rick when I ran into him and everyone that I ran into always had good things to say. I will miss him, but will NEVER forget him and the example he set for me as a player and a person. Love you Rick, and thank you for all the memories and lessons you taught me. I wished that I had just a percentage of the kids have the love of the game like you. It would make them so much better. I will keep your name alive in my coaching. Your efforts to become the best you could will live on through others upcoming in the game.

Steven O'Neal
BSC 1987-1991

Steven O'Neal (BSC 1987-1991) - March 19, 2015 at 09:45 AM

MS

This is so sad! Steven I remember you from the basketball days I played for Tom in 1988 -Michelle Poore

Michelle Poore Steele - March 19, 2015 at 10:26 AM

CJ

“ You are missed Rick, from Caroline, Phyllis, and Cathy. The Rt. 60 girls.



Caroline Jameson - March 19, 2015 at 09:35 AM

AI

“ Alison- Devin & Alexis Irvin lit a candle in memory of Ricky Gene Akers



Alison- Devin & Alexis Irvin - March 19, 2015 at 09:07 AM

AD

Alison- Devin & Alexis are thinking of you Miah

Alison- Devin - March 19, 2015 at 09:10 AM

DK

“ Dee Dee Kise lit a candle in memory of Ricky Gene Akers



Dee Dee Kise - March 19, 2015 at 08:37 AM

K(

“ Kim And DJ Gibson (cousin) lit a candle in memory of Ricky Gene Akers

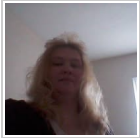


Kim And DJ Gibson (cousin) - March 19, 2015 at 08:03 AM



“ Not only was he my cousin, but an amazing dad. I enjoyed our trip to the mountain years ago, and taking all the kids on the polar express trip. DJ remembers you playing basketball at state. We will miss you. Gone never forgotten. Kim,DJ, Jordan and Tyler Gibson

Kim And DJ Gibson (cousin) - March 19, 2015 at 08:01 AM



“ Rick was a great man. He well be missed alot. He was always there for you no mater what. The best boss any one could ask for. Going to miss going to bingo with. Miss the ball team we had for macado's. Love ya Rick. Rip

Sue Christian - March 19, 2015 at 04:14 AM



“ Rick was not only a great guy to have as your boss but he was a true friend! We shared some great times together at Macados and away from Macados. He was a person that always had my back no matter where we were!. I hadn't talked to him in about 15 years, but thanks to FB we caught up on those missed years. We were looking foward to a Macados reunion this summer, so Rick will sure be missed.

David Davis - March 18, 2015 at 11:45 PM



“ Sue Miller lit a candle in memory of Ricky Gene Akers



Sue Miller - March 18, 2015 at 11:29 PM

DF

“ Donna Frame lit a candle in memory of Ricky Gene Akers



Donna frame - March 18, 2015 at 10:27 PM

MT

“ I wish I could be there to pay my respects. Rick was a awesome guy I spent many of Saturday mornings in Food Lion in Tazewell VA on the bread aile. We would spent 30 minutes talking about our Miam Dolphins bad mouthing them and loven them with the same breath. Gods definitely got a good one up there. My deepest sympathy and condolences to the family. Matt Tabor

matt tabor - March 18, 2015 at 08:40 PM

JG

“ Rick was a very nice guy..I enjoyed talking with him , always had a smile on his face.. He will be missed by many..May God give his girls and the family the strength to get through the loss of a very special person...R.I.P...Rick...



Judy Gentry - March 18, 2015 at 05:31 PM

SC

“ rick was as good a friend as i ever had. so many games together, its hard to think about. we had some great times. rest in peace with the lord. love you shane

shane compton - March 18, 2015 at 03:46 PM

GR

“ I worked with Ricky for years. He could be very, very intense but he also knew how to laugh at himself. I know he loved his family and he loved his basketball. He will be missed.



Gail Reynolds - March 18, 2015 at 10:59 AM

TP

“ I played and roomed with Rick in college and Rick is an outstanding person. We played alot afterwards and I am just broken when I heard this news. My prayers and thoughts are with you and I am truly sorry for your loss.

Tim Pitzer
Kansas City MO

Tim Pitzer - March 17, 2015 at 07:57 PM