



## Richard Ernest Sr.

August 5, 1960 - October 30, 2024

BLUEFIELD- Richard Ernest, Sr, 64, of Bluefield passed away Wednesday, October 30, 2024. Born August 5, 1960, he was the son of the late Dwayne “Cotton” Ernest and Vera Mae Belcher Ernest.

Richard was a graduate of Matoaka High School and served in the United States Army for 6 years where he was an aviation electrician. He enjoyed hunting, fishing, and raising rabbit beagles. He was also active with Boy Scouts of America and PikeView High School Football Team Boosters for many years.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his wife, Brenda Lee Bell Ernest; brothers, Mark Emory Ernest, Kenneth Lacy Ernest; and sister, Mary Catherine Ernest.

Survivors include daughter, Heather Corralejo of Lebanon, TN; son, Richard Ernest Jr. and wife Brandolyn of South Charleston; grandchildren, Chad Ernest, Yasmine Corralejo, Asher Ernest, and Aaven Ernest; and great-grandson, Iverson Ernest; and brothers, Jimmy Ernest and wife Deborah of Matoaka, Dwayne Ernest of Matoaka; Lewis Johnson of Princeton and Craig Johnson of South Carolina.

In keeping with Richard’s wishes, there will be no services at the funeral

home.

Online condolences may be sent to the family at [www.bailey-kirk.com](http://www.bailey-kirk.com).

# Tribute Wall

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“ *We will miss you* ”



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**Jonathan McKnight** - November 03, 2024 at 12:36 AM

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“ *Kathy White lit a candle in memory of Richard Ernest Sr.* ”



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**Kathy White** - November 03, 2024 at 12:27 AM

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“ *I went to church with Rick and Brenda two years ago. They were very good friends. But they were more like family. I think them vote for the service in the military RIP Richard Ernest.* ”



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**Bonnie Coleman** - November 02, 2024 at 10:17 PM

GI

“ *I met him with Troop 252 in Bluewell, WV years ago. He was an interesting fellow and I enjoyed talking to him and his son. Best wishes to the family.* ”

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**GEORGE HOOGER FISHER III** - November 02, 2024 at 08:22 AM



“ *May the love of God surround you and your family during this difficult time,  
May you come to know that the love of God is with you always,*

*May your memories of Richard Ernest Sr., give you peace, comfort and strength...*

*Rest now in the arms of our Lord your mission on earth is complete. I thank you for your service to our Country and my Freedom. You will not be forgotten.*

*My thoughts  
and prayers to the family of ....*

*US Army Veteran, Richard Ernest Sr., is “A True American Hero”  
God Bless†*

*† Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends. John 15:13 †*

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**Cheryl Skinner, Tri-state Military Museum** - November 02, 2024 at 07:58 AM



Samantha  
Claggett

“ *I have many memories of him. Him and brenda wasn't my parents but I called them mom and dad as they adopted me in and always said I was their daughter I sure will miss him love you dad.*

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**Samantha Claggett** - November 01, 2024 at 08:20 PM