



## Richard Godfrey

March 20, 1940 - July 25, 2025

SPANISHBURG - It is with profound sadness and heavy hearts with which we share that Richard Roman Godfrey, born on March 20, 1940, in Crane Creek, West Virginia passed away on Friday, July 25, 2025.

Richard is survived by his loving wife of sixty-three years Scarlett Akers; his son Brian Godfrey (Michelle); daughter Kathy Jewel (Donald); sister Neva Blankenship; grandchildren, Lindsey, Justin (Natasha), Erin, Ryan, and Jared; and great-grandson Jase. Richard was preceded in death by his parents Robert and Goldie Godfrey, sisters Louise Date and Evelyn Helmodollar, and brother Kenneth Cassel.

Richard was a proud member of the U.S. Army serving with honor for five years and achieving the rank of Staff Sergeant. After his active duty military service he returned to Princeton, West Virginia and worked for the Slab Fork Coal Company as a Tipple Operator. When the mines closed, he went to work for the Mercer County Board of Education in the Maintenance Department working in several schools to provide well maintained and safe learning environments for the students. He retired from the Board of Education in 2005.

More than anything, Richard loved our Lord and savior and dedicated his life to spreading the Word. He never met a stranger and no matter where he was,

he'd ask people if they knew God. He served the Lord through his service as Layman at Spanishburg Methodist Church and as Pastor at Melrose Community Church. One of Richard's favorite Bible passages that he would share with everyone was Psalm 103, specifically "Bless the Lord, O my soul: and all that is within me, bless his holy name. Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits...."

Richard was also dedicated to community service. He assisted in the establishment of a volunteer Fire Department in Spanishburg and served as a former President of the Mercer County Credit Union.

Those who knew Richard will remember him for his love of God, his love of family, and his love of country. He was a wonderful husband, father, grandfather, brother, and friend who left a legacy of faith, humor, and compassion.

Funeral services will be conducted at 2:00 p.m. Wednesday, July 30, 2025 at the Bailey-Kirk Funeral Home in Princeton with Pastor Larry Kinzer, officiating. Interment will follow at the Reid Cemetery in Spanishburg.

The family will welcome family and friends for a celebration of Richard's life on Wednesday, July 30, 2025 at the Bailey-Kirk Funeral Home in Princeton from 1:00 p.m. until the service hour. Online condolences may be shared with the family at [www.bailey-kirk.com](http://www.bailey-kirk.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Reid Cemetery

Spanishburg, WV

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUL 30. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Bailey-Kirk Funeral Home  
1612 Honaker Avenue  
Princeton, WV 24740  
(304) 425-8176  
info@bailey-kirk.com  
<https://www.bailey-kirk.com>

## Funeral Service

JUL 30. 2:00 PM (ET)

Bailey-Kirk Funeral Home  
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# Tribute Wall



“ *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 Godfrey, 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, SSGT. Richard Godfrey, 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** - July 29, 2025 at 11:23 AM

TF

“ *The Morrow and Shinohara families purchased the Basket Full of Wishes for the family of Richard Godfrey.*



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**The Morrow and Shinohara families** - July 28, 2025 at 11:39 PM

TF

“ *The Morrow and Shinohara families planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Richard Godfrey.*

**The Morrow and Shinohara families** - July 28, 2025 at 11:39 PM

CR

“ *Connie Sandy and Ronnie purchased the Blue Caribbean Bouquet for the family of Richard Godfrey.*



**Connie Sandy and Ronnie** - July 28, 2025 at 08:26 PM

TF

“ *We never had the pleasure of meeting Preacher Godfrey. We know he was a special man because we've heard about him through his grandson Richard Ryan Godfrey. Our family sends our deepest condolences for your loss. May your fond memories help provide comfort during this painful time. With love,  
The Kube Family*



**The Kube Family** - July 28, 2025 at 05:48 PM

SG

“ *Shannon G. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Richard Godfrey.*

**Shannon G.** - July 28, 2025 at 01:30 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Richard Godfrey.*



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July 28, 2025 at 01:16 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Richard Godfrey.*



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July 28, 2025 at 01:00 PM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Richard Godfrey.*

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July 28, 2025 at 01:00 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Richard Godfrey.*



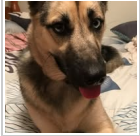
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July 28, 2025 at 12:44 PM

LB

“ Never a time when speaking with Preacher that he never failed to mention his and John’s eating chicken. Love you Miss Scarlett. You are in my prayers. Truly there is a void here but what rejoicing in heaven

lelia boyd - July 28, 2025 at 12:40 PM



“ Scarlett, our hearts hurt for you. We are so grateful for the friendship, mentoring, and fellowship over the years. Preacher was a remarkable testament to his faith. He had an uncanny way of making everyone feel welcome. Pastors like him are few and far between in this world. It was a "calling" for him.....not a "title" or a "job". He was respected and loved by so many. His legacy will live in the hearts of all those he witnessed to, befriended, and mentored. We love you, Miss Scarlett and we will miss Preacher! If there is anything at all that you need, please reach out. Love, Terry, Sherry, Dalton and Zackery.

Sherry Belcher - July 28, 2025 at 12:24 PM

SR

“ Sincere condolences. Eric/Kay Rambo purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Richard Godfrey.



Sincere condolences. Eric/Kay Rambo - July 28, 2025 at 11:56 AM

RW

“ *Scarlet and family so sorry for your loss, all that knew Richard will miss him very much. Anyone who knew him could see God in him. Prayers for you and the family for peace and comfort. Love you Scarlet* ❤️🐔🙏



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**Richard & Trish Walker** - July 28, 2025 at 11:05 AM