



Ronald D. Riggs

June 10, 1939 - August 16, 2011

Ronald D. Riggs, 72, of New Castle, died unexpectedly Tuesday, August 16, 2011 at I.U. Health Ball Hospital in Muncie.

He was born June 10, 1939 in Shirley, Indiana, a son of the late Joseph and Doris (Goudy) Riggs.

Ronald worked at Avesta Sheffield for over 30 years. He served in the U. S. Army 559th Field Artillery Missile Battalion, earning medals for Sharpshooter and Good Conduct. He attended Cross Road Church. Ronald was very family oriented and enjoyed the outdoors, camping and taking his son, Joey, fishing. He had a love for animals and was quick to feed and take care of many strays.

He is survived by his wife of 40 years, Joyce Riggs; two sons, Joey (wife: Lisa) Riggs and Guy (wife: Donna) Showalter both of New Castle; two daughters, Jeanette (husband: Frank) Stewart of New Castle and Cindi Sare of Tampa, Florida; eight grandchildren, Jordan Riggs, Jeremy Showalter, Larry Cowan, Brandi Blackburn, Josh Sare, Angela Showalter, Brooke Showalter and Ronnie Showalter; five great-grandchildren, Eli Zachary, Ryan Cowan, Kaelynn Cowan, Braydan Fishel and Evan Fishel; four brothers, Bill (wife: Dorothy) Riggs of Grand Island, New York, Herman (wife: Barb) Riggs and Joe (wife: Debbie) Riggs both of New Castle and Gary (wife: Sue) Riggs of Greenfield; and several nieces and nephews.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a daughter, Dori Riggs; a son, John Showalter; four brothers, Gerald Riggs, Steve Riggs, Gail

Riggs and Jerry Riggs; a sister, Anita Brown and a nephew, Victor Riggs. Friends may call Friday from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at Sproles Family Funeral Home.

Funeral services will be held at 1:00 p.m. Friday, August 19, 2011 at Sproles Family Funeral Home with Pastor Danny Douglas and Rev. Charles Riggs officiating. Burial will follow in Mechanicsburg Cemetery. Military honors will be provided by a contingent from the American Legion and VFW.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Cross Road Church food pantry with envelopes available at the funeral home. You may send the family a personal condolence at www.sprolesfamilycares.com.

Sproles Family Funeral Home is honored to serve the family of Ronald Riggs.

Tribute Wall

JA

“ Dear Aunt Joyce and Family, I am so very sorry for your loss. Please know, you are all in my prayers. Love, Jill Riggs Archibald

Jill Archibald - August 19, 2011 at 07:19 PM

CH

“ I am very sorry for your loss.

Christine Hurko - August 18, 2011 at 03:54 PM

VJ

“ Dear Aunt Joyce and Family: I am so sorry for your loss. You are in my prayers for strength and comfort during this difficult time. Love Valerie (Riggs) Joslin

Valerie Riggs Joslin - August 18, 2011 at 03:06 PM

CD

“ I am very sorry for your loss. His brother, Bill is my sister's husband and I met Ronnie many years ago when he would visit them in NY. My sympathy to his family ..

Carol DePaolo - August 18, 2011 at 01:13 PM

EB

“ Dear Aunt Joyce - I am so sorry for your loss. I will always cherish the childhood memories I have of family vacations to visit with you, Uncle Ronnie and the rest of the Riggs's family! I wish you and your family strength and peace during this most difficult time. You're in my thoughts, my heart, and my prayers. Love - Eileen Riggs (Bower)

Eileen Riggs - Bower - August 17, 2011 at 08:41 PM