



Richard Lee Vanhorn

April 27, 1944 - September 14, 2019

Richard Lee Vanhorn, 75, of Fairmont, passed away on Saturday, September 14, 2019, at J.W. Ruby Memorial Hospital. He was born on April 27, 1944, in Pulaski, Virginia, a son of the late Porter Lee Vanhorn and Mildred (Maxwell) Vanhorn.

Richard proudly served his country in the United States Army for three years during the Vietnam War, as well as in the United States Army Reserves for 25 years, retiring as a Master Sergeant. He was a retired Minister and retired with 30 years of service from Citizen's Telecom. He was a devoted member of the Barrackville Church of Christ. He will be remembered for his love of God, family, and country.

He is survived by his wife, Sandra (Brady) Vanhorn.

He is also survived by son, Michael Lee Vanhorn and wife Sandy, of Fairmont; daughters, Kerri Loyd and husband Matthew, of Maryland, and Kris Adams and husband Joel, of Kentucky; brothers, Leary Vanhorn and wife Louise, of Elizabeth, and Boyd Vanhorn and wife Cassandra, of Clarksburg; and grandchildren: Jeremy Vanhorn, Emily Vanhorn, Tabitha Spencer and husband Mason, Pompea Haney and husband Walter, Karissa Adams, Felicity Adams, Lorelai Loyd, and Katherine Loyd; and four great-grandchildren.

Family and friends are welcome to call at Carpenter and Ford Funeral Home, 209 Merchant St., Fairmont, on Wednesday, September 18, 2019, from 10 a.m. – 1 p.m., with services being held at the funeral home on Wednesday at 1:00 p.m., with Evangelists Clint Rowand and Andy Miller officiating.

Interment will follow at West Virginia National Cemetery with Full Military Honors conducted by the Marion County Veteran's Council Honor Guard and United States Army Reserves from Camp Dawson.

Cemetery

WV National Cemetery

Pruntytown, WV,

Events

SEP **Visitation** 10:00AM - 01:00PM

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SEP **Service** 01:00PM

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Comments



“ Mrs Vanhorn and family,
I know that this post is coming very late and for that I apologize. We were out of town when he passed and then I did not a card mailed.I first met your husband at the Church at Norway during a seminar. I went home shared my info and my day with my husband. He said, "Oh I know him and his wife. We did some work for them. There pretty nice people." Later I took care of him as a nurse. He is one of those who seemed to be happy in life.He was prepared for eternity and striving to prepare his friends and family.
May you rest in the comfort of knowing that he lived a good Godly life. An earthly loss but a heavenly gain. May God continue to bless you. Brenda and Randy Kline

Brenda Kline - October 21, 2019 at 02:40 PM



“ Brother Richard Vanhorn Was my minister at Waldorf Church of Christ. He was warm ,kind and always had a big hug and a huge smile. Sandy stood next to his side with that same type of smile.I was scared and dealing with an addiction to alcohol, but he continued to support me through my struggles. He even told me that when I celebrate my sobriety Anniversary'sthat he would attend, and they indeed did.. I remain sober and he will remain a part of the circle who helped me through one of my toughest struggles with both prayers and laughter. He help me to grow in my faith and anyone who meets him can have nothing but positive things to say about him. Brother Vanhorn was and still is a blessing in my life and I will never forget him or Sandy who showed me true Christian love. Thank you Heavenly Father for putting Brother Vanhorn my life when I needed him.

Elizabeth Baucum

Clinton, MD

Elizabeth Baucum - September 18, 2019 at 09:47 PM



“ When i met Richard i was 18. My husband had just gotten a job with the phone company in Grantsville. I was pregnant and did not drive. The company sent my husband out of town to work and there i was all alone knowing no one but phone guys.. But this guy never blinked he would come get me for my doctors appointments, wait for me and take me back home. He never made me feel like i was bothering him. He was there to help me when i needed the help. Steve and I will always remember this kind man. Thank you Richard for caring for and helping a scared , alone 18 year old girl. I will always remember you and Sandy as our friends. You were a good man and I am sure you will be missed by many.

Faye Barnhart

Faye Barnhart - September 16, 2019 at 08:38 PM



“ Richard was a lot of fun to be around and share jokes with. When Sharon Rood was the secretary and I was the janitor of the building we would sneak into his office and decorate it depending on the season, or just for the fun of it with silly stuff. It was always a surprise to him and he would get a kick out of it. Plus, when I needed a break from cleaning, or stalling to do the cleaning, he was fun to talk to and share stories with about anything. He and Sandy were such a blessing to our congregation. They were so much fun and were active and participated in everything.

Kim Day
Waldorf church of Christ

Kim Day - September 16, 2019 at 09:13 AM



“ Sounds like a really nice person. So sorry for the loss.

Kenneth Sutphin - September 16, 2019 at 10:40 AM



“ Richard and Sandy have been a true blessing to the Barrackville congregation since transferring membership from Norway C of C. We have lost a friend, mentor and fine spokesman for the cause of Christ. A class act that will be impossible to replace. Lesa and I extend our love and respect to Sandy and family. We will get through this together and someday sing praises to God with Richard in Heaven.

Mark Stutler - September 16, 2019 at 10:06 PM



“ 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 Lee Vanhorn, 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 Lee Vanhorn, 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 †



“ Richard was a very special man to our family. God bless you, Sandy, Michael, Kerri, and Kris through the loss of such a man.

Keith & Jeannie Wolfe - September 15, 2019 at 11:20 PM



“ Sandy, Kerri, Matt and girls,

Donna and I send our deepest sympathy at the loss of your husband, father and grandfather. We share many fond memories of meeting Richard both at the Waldorf Congregation and later as he would come from time to time to assist in speaking at the Calvert County Congregation. We know that Richard has prepared for this day and we pray you are comforted in knowing Richard's Godly life and influence he had on so many. We love your family and wish you God's greatest blessing at this time of great loss. Blaine & Donna Coffey, Fincastle, Virginia

Blaine & Donna Coffey - September 15, 2019 at 10:42 PM



“ Didn't have the privilege of being around Richard a lot. I met him at the preacher's retreat in Columbia, TN several years ago. He seemed to me a very generous, humble man with a godly spirit. I know he will be missed but also believe he is in a place of bliss. My condolences to the family.

Tim McCarter
Cleveland church of Christ
Cleveland, MS

Tim McCarter - September 15, 2019 at 09:53 PM



“ Here's a couple riding pics from back in the day. Prayers from the Miller family to yours during this difficult time.



Andy Miller - September 15, 2019 at 09:34 PM



“ Sandy, Michael, and Kerri, Jeannie and I send our deepest condolences and prayers for your families. Richard and I were good friends as well as brothers in arms and Christ.

Ted Jackson - September 15, 2019 at 09:12 PM



“ Sandy and family my heart breaks for you! Prayers going up! May God Bless you at this time. Bonnie (Sturm) Brown.

Bonnie Brown - September 15, 2019 at 08:39 PM



“ Sadly to see Richards passing, however, he is in a better place....we will miss him. Prayers for family.....God will provide.
Donna and Tom Hall

donna - September 15, 2019 at 08:17 PM



“ So sorry to learn of Richard's passing. I think the world of your family. You probably don't remember me, but I loved all you guys. Your dad was a special friend of my mother, Ruth Kingery James. God bless your family and may He give you comfort and peace. Carol Kingery Gaynor, aka "Poogie".

Carol Gaynor - September 15, 2019 at 07:51 PM



“ BK - So sorry to hear about of Richard's passing. Praying for you and your family.

Mike Thomas - September 15, 2019 at 07:26 PM



“ I worked with Richard for years. Loved his laugh. I know he will be missed. I remember when he became a servant of the Lord and the change it made in his life. We shall meet again my friend!

Kevin Church - September 15, 2019 at 07:19 PM



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Ken Roberts - September 15, 2019 at 04:30 PM