

Jimmy Reese Riggs

December 13, 1947 - September 23, 2013

Jimmy Reese Riggs, 65, of Urbana, died at 7:20 p.m. on Monday, September 23, 2013 in Springfield Regional Medical Center.

He was born December 13, 1947 in Carroll County, TN, the son of Buford and Alma (Chester) Riggs.

Jimmy lived most of his life in Vineland, NJ where he attended school. He was an employee of Limpert Brothers Inc. for 31 years until his retirement in 1995. He moved to Urbana in 2005.

Jimmy never met a stranger. Many people knew him as he made his rounds to various senior activities. Jimmy especially loved attending the Champaign County Fair every year where he made it his goal to have his picture taken with the Fair Queen.

His passion in life was attending the Church of God of Prophecy, talking and music. He loved gospel music and now the words of most of those songs are a reality for him.

Survivors include sisters, Wilma Riggs of New Port Richie, FL and Norma Weill and her husband Thomas of Urbana, OH; brothers, Larry Riggs and his wife Janet of Kokomo, IN and David Riggs and his wife Barbara of Cleveland, TN; and numerous nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, brother Bobby Riggs and sister Shirley Riggs Vitiello.

The family will receive friends from 5-8 p.m. on Wednesday, September 25, 2013 in the WALTER & SMITH FUNERAL HOME, Urbana, where a service

will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Thursday, September 26, 2013 with his brother, Pastor David Riggs, officiating. Burial will follow in Highland Memorial Gardens, West Liberty.

Contributions may be made in Jimmy's memory to the Urbana Champaign County Senior Center, 701 S. Walnut St., P.O. Box 664, Urbana, OH 43078. Condolences may be expressed to the family at www.walterfunerals.com.

Cemetery Details

Highland Memorial Cemetery

5591 U.S. Route 68 S.
West Liberty, OH

Tribute Wall



“ *The riggs family were the kind of family that welcomed you as a friend for life.*

Jimmy was a good person.

Willy gonzalez vineland nj

willy - May 09, 2014 at 10:52 PM



“ *It was by accident I came across this obituary and Jimmy has been gone 6 months. I hope you all will accept my condolences. He touched so many lives on his path in life. May God continue to comfort you all. Shirley Turner-Brewer*

Shirley Metcalf Brewer - March 29, 2014 at 09:42 AM



“ *To our precious Riggs Family:*

As I type this tribute to all of you, I am so grateful to say that my family (The Hepburn Family) and the Riggs Family have a special bond..there's nothing more precious than the Family of God. Truly wish our family can be with you on this day, but please know for you, we are praying. I will say to you as I said at my Mommy's home going service...Wilma, Sue, Larry, David and to all the family...you have no regrets....I say this because so many families are void of love, void of happiness, void of God and without God we are nothing. Jimmy will always be in your and our hearts. We love you all so much. God bless you all and stay encouraged.

Valerie Pernel - September 26, 2013 at 09:18 AM



“ Dear Wilma, Sue, Larry, David, and entire Riggs family: How I wish I could be there to say farewell to Jimmy. He was such a special person and will forever hold a treasured place in our hearts. My memories of Jimmy go back at least 40 years from the fun we had at Youth Camp and how he loved to sing! Now he has an audience in the presence of our Heavenly Father for all eternity! My thoughts and prayers are with you always.

Love,

Rosa Hepburn-Harris
Bridgeton, NJ

Rosa Harris - September 26, 2013 at 06:51 AM



“ I am so sorry for your loss. Jimmy was the kindest and most gentle man. I drive for CTS and will miss his bright smile and the way he brightened my day. He will be missed.

sue miller

sue miller - September 25, 2013 at 07:29 PM



“ Our sincerest condolences to your family. We knew Jimmy from the times he would visit River Of Life church. We would sometimes pick him up for church. He liked to have a cup of French vanilla coffee at the church. We were glad to know him. Once Jimmy and I went to a church in Springfield to see the evangelist Jeff Ferguson. He and I stopped for dinner that day at Wendy's on Limestone.

Pat Burkholder - September 25, 2013 at 05:22 PM

MR

“ I'm so sorry to hear of Jimmy's passing.He was a very good person, he always made me feel loved- that's how I'll always remember Jimmy. My heart goes out to you all. God bless. R.I.P Jimmy, go be with the rest of the angels. They are waiting for you.

Mirna Riggs - September 25, 2013 at 05:09 PM

MR

“ Mirna Riggs lit a candle in memory of Jimmy Reese Riggs



Mirna Riggs - September 25, 2013 at 04:54 PM

JJ

“ May the Lord comfort you in this time of loss , Jimmy always greeted me with a smile ... Remembering how much he loved Jesus and his gospel music. God bless, Jon Jackson

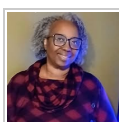
Jon Jackson - September 25, 2013 at 02:49 PM



“ 1 file added to the album Memories Album



Walter & Stowe Funeral & Cremation Services - September 25, 2013 at 11:15 AM



This is so beautiful.....God bless you all

Valerie Pernel - September 26, 2013 at 09:39 AM

EL

Jimmy i remember you growing up how you loved wrestling and the phillies. Rest in peace my old neighbor. Lisa

elizabeth - May 14, 2014 at 04:23 PM

SH

“ *Hello,Riggs Family.I read about Jimmy's passing in The Daily Journal dated September 25th,2013.I will be praying for God to comfort you in this loss.On the other hand I would request that you remember me in prayer as I lost my wife to a massive heart attack on Saturday,January 26th so for the last 8 months times have been quite tough.If any of you want to contact me,my e-mail address is Steelman.Hiles @aol.com.I sure would like to hear from you.*
Steelman hiles

Steelman Hiles - September 25, 2013 at 09:14 AM

SB

“ *To the Riggs Family,
My deepest sympathy to all of you. Jimmy was one of the most joyful human beings I have ever met! He made our "Tuesday Lunches" here at the Senior Center so much brighter just by being here. He was a warm, caring and loving person who will be terribly missed by everyone here at the Urbana Champaign County Senior Center. He was a joy and loved by all.*

*Stacy Barnhart &
The Urbana Champaign County Senior Center Staff*

Stacy Barnhart - September 25, 2013 at 07:02 AM