



William V. Riggs III

September 8, 1942 - June 26, 2017

William V. Riggs, III of Centreville, MD, departed this life on Monday, June 26, 2017, peacefully at his home. He was 74 years old.

Born in Shelbyville, IN, on September 8, 1942, he was the son of the late William V. Riggs, Jr. and Florence Wylder Riggs. The Riggs family moved to Centreville in 1948 when William V. Riggs, Jr. purchased Bloomfield Farm. Mr. Riggs graduated from Centreville High School, Class of 1960. He attended Perdue University for two years before returning home to run the family farm, Bloomfield, after his father took ill.

After a short period at home he became the Assistant Manager of Great Meadows Farm in Wye Mills, MD, owned by Esskay. Later he worked as a driver and salesman for G&G distributors for five years. Finally, he returned to Bloomfield Farm and remained actively engaged in grain and livestock farming living on the family farm from 1977 to 2005. The farm operated as Riggs Brothers with Bill and his youngest brother David, until David's untimely death in 1980. In 1985, he established William V. Riggs, III & Son to include his only son. During that time Mr. Riggs was appointed as a Queen Anne's County Commissioner, October 1985-1986. He was elected to a four year term in the fall of 1986, and again in 1990, to serve a total of nine years for his county. In 2006, Mr. Riggs and his son, Bill, established Riggs Transport, Inc., to finish out his career. He also enjoyed working part-time for some close local

farming friends.

In addition to his employment, he was a member of the QAC Jaycees, Chesapeake Ruritan, Goodwill Volunteer Fire Department, QAC Appeals Board, MD & National Pork Producers Association, Board of Directors Agway, Inc.; QAC Park Board; QAC Fair Board; QAC Farm Bureau; MD & National Grain Producers Association; Centreville Lions Club; QAC Sportsman's Club; Jeff Davis Post 18 – Associate member; Agriculture Stabilization & Conservation Service; Mid-Atlantic Soybean Producers Association; QAC Soil Conservation; and Centreville United Methodist Church.

Mr. Riggs was preceded in death by his wife of 41 years, Martha "Christie" Lynch Riggs, of Elkton, MD whom he married on June 12, 1965; and his brothers, John and David Riggs. He is survived by one son, William V. Riggs, IV, and one daughter, Catherine Riggs Willis, both of Centreville; and the lights of his life, his grandchildren, Trent, Bailey, Reagan and Campbell Riggs, Christopher, Victoria and Harley Willis; his only surviving brother, Thomas K. Riggs and his wife Mary Jo; his sister-in-laws, Shirley and Kathleen Riggs; his niece Heidi Pinder and nephew Ransom Riggs; as well as several cousins.

A funeral service will be held at 11 am on Friday, June 30, at the Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home, P.A. in Centreville, MD, where friends and family may visit on Thursday from 6-8 pm. Burial will follow the service at Chesterfield Cemetery, Centreville, MD.

Memorial contributions may be made to Compass Regional Hospice, 160 Coursevall Dr., Centreville, MD 21617; or to the Queen Anne's County 4H Programs. To ensure your gift stays in Queen Anne's County, please make it payable to QACOEAC and send it to 505 Railroad Ave., Centreville, MD 21617.

Cemetery Details

Chesterfield Cemetery

406 South Liberty Street
Centreville, MD

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 29. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Centreville Location
408 South Liberty Street
Centreville, MD 21617
(410) 758-1151
info@fhfuneralhome.com

Service

JUN 30. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of William V. Riggs III*



Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home - June 28, 2017 at 03:57 PM



Beautiful tribute.

April Patrick - June 28, 2017 at 11:06 PM



A wonderful tribute to our great friend.

Gene & Lynda Palmatary - June 30, 2017 at 07:59 AM



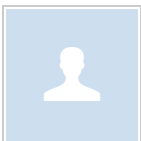
“ *William V. Riggs III*

October 26, 2023 at 06:42 PM



“ *William V. Riggs III*

January 28, 2023 at 12:44 PM



“ *William V. Riggs III*

January 28, 2023 at 08:03 AM

PF

“ *Phil Foster lit a candle in memory of William V. Riggs III*



Phil Foster - July 02, 2017 at 10:33 PM

TH

“ *To The Riggs Family,
Our deepest sympathy in the loss of your
loved one. Bill was a joy to know. He gave of
himself whole heartily in whatever he did. He
will be missed.
Your tribute to him was beautiful .
Tom and Joyce Hollingsworth*



Tom & Joyce Hollingsworth - June 30, 2017 at 09:04 AM

JP

“ *He will be missed a lot and I'm sending prayers to you guys!*💖🥹

Jenna Patrick - June 30, 2017 at 09:02 AM

GP

“ *Gene & Lynda Palmatary sent a virtual gift in
memory of William V. Riggs III*



Gene & Lynda Palmatary - June 30, 2017 at 08:00 AM

GP

To the family: What great memories over the many years. Neighbors growing up on the farm, Gene graduated with Bill, neighbors again when we lived on Purple Martin Road, my boss as County Commissioner. I could write a book. Our great friend will be missed and will surely be missed in the community. His love for his family and friends were nothing but LOVE. We have lost a great man in this community, but he will never be forgotten. RIP Papa Riggs and you will always be in our hearts. Love ya to the moon and back, Gene and Lynda Palmatary

Gene Palmatary - June 30, 2017 at 08:03 AM

JS

“ *Jamie And Brooke Smith???? lit a candle in memory of William V. Riggs III*



Jamie and Brooke Smith???? - June 30, 2017 at 05:27 AM

HF

“ *Handzo Family lit a candle in memory of William V. Riggs III*



Handzo Family - June 29, 2017 at 04:01 PM

SH

“ *Scott & Michele Hoffman purchased the Simply E legant Spathiphyllum for the family of William V. Riggs III.*



Scott & Michele Hoffman - June 29, 2017 at 10:17 AM

KP

“ We loved Mr. Bill like he was our Pop too. We enjoyed so many holidays, picnics and family events together. We are better for knowing him and Mrs. Christie

Kim Parkerson - June 29, 2017 at 09:10 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of William V. Riggs III.



June 29, 2017 at 06:29 AM

KK

“ Mr. Bill you will be missed by many. Prayers to the Riggs family.



Kimberly (Brown) King - June 28, 2017 at 04:13 PM

AM

“ Sending prayers to the family of this wonderful man. Gods got him now.



Ann Martin - June 28, 2017 at 03:50 PM

TS

“ Tracy Schulz lit a candle in memory of William V. Riggs III



Tracy Schulz - June 28, 2017 at 02:27 PM

C1

“ CHS Class Of 1966 lit a candle in memory of William V. Riggs III



CHS Class of 1966 - June 28, 2017 at 02:06 PM

C1

Tom and family: Our thoughts are with you and your family during the loss of your brother Bill. We know the memories will always be with you. Thinking of you and your family. Your friends, CHS Class of 1966.

CHS Class of 1966 - June 28, 2017 at 02:07 PM

 Erika Wilson

“ I sure will miss him.



Erika Wilson - June 28, 2017 at 12:27 PM

BM

“ *Ben Miller lit a candle in memory of William V. Riggs III*



Ben Miller - June 28, 2017 at 10:48 AM

BM

A former basketball team mate.

Ben Miller - June 28, 2017 at 10:49 AM

TF

“ *Tiffany Perry Brown And Family lit a candle in memory of William V. Riggs III*



Tiffany Perry Brown and Family - June 28, 2017 at 10:21 AM

LP

“ *I was sadden to hear of Mr. Riggs passing. He was a genuinely kind-hearted person. His wisdom will be missed by so many. God rest his soul. Our sincere condolences to your family.*



Lisa Plummer - June 28, 2017 at 09:41 AM

C1

“ CHS Class Of 1960 lit a candle in memory of William V. Riggs III



CHS Class of 1960 - June 28, 2017 at 09:01 AM

C1

Bill you will never be forgotten in the Class of 1960. We all had many great times that will remain in our hearts. You are at peace and we send many prayers and love to your family. Class of 1960.

CHS Class of 1960 - June 28, 2017 at 09:02 AM

CW

“ Centreville Methodist Women sent a virtual gift in memory of William V. Riggs III



Centreville Methodist Women - June 28, 2017 at 08:58 AM

CW

We are thinking of you at this time during your loss. Mr. Riggs loved his family and friends. He will surely be missed in this community and others. Blessings to all. Centreville Methodist Women

Centreville Methodist Women - June 28, 2017 at 08:59 AM

TH

“ *Tim Blackiston, Corsica Hills sent a virtual gift in memory of William V. Riggs III*



Tim Blackiston, Corsica Hills - June 28, 2017 at 08:58 AM

FP

“ *Frank And Tish Palmatary sent a virtual gift in memory of William V. Riggs III*



Frank and Tish Palmatary - June 28, 2017 at 08:56 AM

FP

Mr. Bill is going to be missed by many. Our prayers and thoughts are with your family at this time. Memories are what we hold onto. God Bless. Frank and Tish Palmatary

Frank and Tish Palmatary - June 28, 2017 at 08:57 AM

JC

“ *Jeremy & Amy Clark lit a candle in memory of William V. Riggs III*



Jeremy & Amy Clark - June 28, 2017 at 08:06 AM

HD

“ Howard & Doris Ann Donovan lit a candle in memory of William V. Riggs III



Howard & Doris Ann Donovan - June 28, 2017 at 07:42 AM

DS

“ One of my favorite memories I share with Mr. Bill was when I had the privilege to sit down and interview him for the Farm Family at the Fair. He made me laugh and I loved to hear about his childhood, his loving wife and family. He was a proud man of his farm heritage and love of Queen Anne's County. Rest dear sweet Mr. Bill
Donna Smith

Donna Smith - June 28, 2017 at 07:24 AM

AM

“ Amy McCauley lit a candle in memory of William V. Riggs III



Amy McCauley - June 28, 2017 at 07:10 AM

CB

“ Carol Bennett lit a candle in memory of William V. Riggs III



Carol Bennett - June 28, 2017 at 07:01 AM

CB

Prayers to Team Riggs, keep smiling and keep those memories flowing of your Dad & Granddad.

Carol Bennett - June 28, 2017 at 07:11 AM

WB

“ *Spent some fun times with Bill in his Commissioner Days! One night in Ocean City the boardwalk police told us to move on while congregating on the boardwalk late one evening. Bill gave them a few words of wisdom and policeman said he would arrest the whole group. I was cracking up watching it from afar. 6 commissioners from 2 or 3 counties.*

RIP Bill. You will be remembered as a good friend!

*Love to the family,
Wheeler and Holly*

Wheeler and Holly Baker - June 28, 2017 at 06:29 AM

LP

Oh how I remember this. Didn't bother Commissioner Riggs. Great memories Papa Riggs, Lynda Palmatary

Lynda Palmatary - June 28, 2017 at 08:55 AM

SJ

“ *Suzanne Jackson lit a candle in memory of William V. Riggs III*



Suzanne Jackson - June 28, 2017 at 03:40 AM

SJ

Mr. Riggs loved Queen Anne's County and will always be remembered as one of the Best County Commissioners to serve our county. My thoughts and prayers to his family.

Suzanne Jackson - June 28, 2017 at 03:42 AM

BS

“ *Barbara Stoops lit a candle in memory of William V. Riggs III*



barbara stoops - June 27, 2017 at 10:08 PM

BS

My thoughts and prayers go out to the family. Bill was such a fine gentleman with such a loving family.

barbara stoops - June 27, 2017 at 10:13 PM

PM

“ *Patricia Mayer lit a candle in memory of William V. Riggs III*



Patricia Mayer - June 27, 2017 at 08:56 PM

SH

“ *Prayers to team Riggs. Going to miss that sweet smile* ❤️

Shelley - June 27, 2017 at 08:44 PM

PH

“ *Phil & Joyce Hurlock lit a candle in memory of William V. Riggs III*



Phil & Joyce Hurlock - June 27, 2017 at 08:41 PM

PH

Our heartfelt condolences to the family. He was one of a kind.

Phil & Joyce Hurlock - June 27, 2017 at 08:42 PM

PC

“ *Pamela Cooke lit a candle in memory of William V. Riggs III*



Pamela Cooke - June 27, 2017 at 08:32 PM

SA

“ *Sewardie, Mary & Annie lit a candle in memory of William V. Riggs III*



Sewardie, Mary & Annie - June 27, 2017 at 08:27 PM



“ *It was always so nice having Mr. Bill out on the farm. We will miss him very much. We are sending prayers and love to the Riggs family.*

~The Whaley's

Brooke Whaley - June 27, 2017 at 07:46 PM

RJ

“ *Ronnie & Rhonda Jewell lit a candle in memory of William V. Riggs III*



Ronnie & Rhonda Jewell - June 27, 2017 at 07:23 PM

SH

“ *Sarah, Keith, Brandon And Owen Harris lit a candle in memory of William V. Riggs III*



Sarah, Keith, Brandon and Owen Harris - June 27, 2017 at 07:02 PM

WH

“ *Wendy Hampton lit a candle in memory of William V. Riggs III*



Wendy Hampton - June 27, 2017 at 06:11 PM

BH

“ *Billy & Dorothy Hollingsworth lit a candle in memory of William V. Riggs III*



Billy & Dorothy Hollingsworth - June 27, 2017 at 06:09 PM

DF

“ *David, Annie Gardner & Family lit a candle in memory of William V. Riggs III*



David, Annie Gardner & family - June 27, 2017 at 06:00 PM

CT

“ *Connie Todd lit a candle in memory of William V. Riggs III*



Connie Todd - June 27, 2017 at 05:50 PM

CT

So very sorry for your loss. My sincere condolences to the family and friends of Bill.

Connie Todd - June 27, 2017 at 05:51 PM

CD

“ *Charlotte Dukes lit a candle in memory of William V. Riggs III*



Charlotte Dukes - June 27, 2017 at 05:14 PM

US

“ *Uncle Bobby & Aunt Sheila sent a virtual gift in memory of William V. Riggs III*



Uncle Bobby & Aunt Sheila - June 27, 2017 at 04:48 PM

AM

“ *Such a wonderful man will surely be missed by many. I have many fond childhood memories spent at Bloomfield farm and I can see Mr. Bill sitting back in his recliner now. Billy and Cathy my thoughts and prayers are with you both and your families at this very difficult time.*

Amy McGinnes - June 27, 2017 at 04:44 PM

JP

“ *JoAnn & Royden Powell lit a candle in memory of William V. Riggs III*



JoAnn & Royden Powell - June 27, 2017 at 04:37 PM

DC

“ *David And June Clark lit a candle in memory of William V. Riggs III*



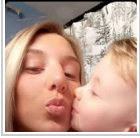
David and June Clark - June 27, 2017 at 04:37 PM

DC

Rest in peace dear friend.

David and June

David and June Clark - June 27, 2017 at 04:39 PM



“ *Such a wonderful man I will sure miss him, sending our love and prayers to all of you*

Brandy, JD, Eric and Kendall

Brandy Buchholz - June 27, 2017 at 04:21 PM

JP

“ *John And Phyllis Perkins lit a candle in memory of William V. Riggs III*



John and Phyllis Perkins - June 27, 2017 at 04:09 PM

BW

“ *Sorry for your loss..he was a good man.. thank you for allowing my in your home to care for him!!! If there is anything you need please let me know..*

beth wall - June 27, 2017 at 03:52 PM



“ *Thoughts and prayers to all of you. We thought the world of Mr. Billy and will miss him greatly.*

Love, The Freeman Family

Steve, Melissa, Kylie & Patrick

Melissa Freeman - June 27, 2017 at 03:39 PM

JA

“ *What a great man! What a great life! What a great legacy he leaves for generations to come! May God comfort his beautiful family today and always. Much love to you all as you cherish the memories of a man that received my utmost respect.*

Jane Anthony - June 27, 2017 at 03:22 PM