



Richard Lee Garrett

June 18, 1955 - January 27, 2021

Richard Lee Garrett was born on June 18, 1955. On January 27th, 2021 at 65 years young, he went to be with his heavenly father after a long hard fought battle that inspired many. Richard was born and raised in Lee County, where he also started and raised his family. Richard is survived by his wife Sandy, his daughter Kellie, and his son Keith. Alongside them mourns Richard's daughter-in-law Shelley and his grandson Christian, along with Richard's Son-in-Law Brandon and his grandsons Tyler and Zach.

Alongside them also mourns his mother-in-law Maggie Crumley and his brother-in-law and sister-in-law Jeff and Kelly Crumley along with their children.

Richard was preceded in death by his mother Bobbie Garrett and his father Dewey ('Dude') Garrett, as well as his brother Roger and his niece Chloe. Richard was 1 of 7 children in his family, he is survived by his sisters Kay, Lynda, and Sharon, as well as his brothers Gary and Billy along with their children.

He is also survived by Richard and Sandy's dear friends Cheyenne and Katie Middleton

In addition to the above, Richard is survived by an immeasurable number of

people that he has touched throughout the years. Richard never met a stranger that couldn't quickly become his friend. He never met a young person he didn't think he could help grow into a decent young man or young woman.

Richard spent over 40 years of his life in service to the police department(s) of Lee County and the Town of Jonesville. While he may have spent the last 15+ of those years 'off the road', he still served as a school teacher where he taught criminal justice at both Lee County Vocational and Technical School and Thomas Walker High School, splitting the days at each.

Richard was a true servant leader for Lee County. He served as a coach in almost every sport you could think of over the decades, ranging from Football, Basketball, Baseball (Senior League, Little League and Tee Ball), Golf, Girls Softball, and Tennis. He did this at all levels of their lives too, whether it be their first day ever playing the sport or the last game of their high school career.

Being a police officer, plus a coach for numerous organizations and schools, plus being in both of the High School systems for the County means Richard was able to touch thousands of lives. He tried to inject good and decency in everyone he interacted with. He genuinely cared for the struggles of others, and wore it all on his sleeve.

The love and support of his family, and his extended family of Lee Countians kept Richard going for as long as he did in that fight. Richard was a man who was loved by many, and while he may be gone... he will never be forgotten.

The family will receive friends from 11 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. on Monday, February 1, 2021 at First Baptist Church in Pennington Gap, VA. Funeral services will begin at 1:00 p.m. with Josh Leonard officiating and with honors presented by the Lee County Sherriff's Office and Jonesville Rescue Squad. A

graveside service will follow at Millers Chapel Cemetery in Jonesville, VA.

Pallbearers will be Keith Garrett, Brandon Eads, Thomas Tritt, Chester Langle, BJ Carnes and Ray Blair.

Cemetery Details

Miller's Chapel Cemetery

Jonesville, VA

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 1. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (ET)

First Baptist Church of Pennington Gap

Funeral Service

FEB 1. 1:00 PM (ET)

First Baptist Church of Pennington Gap

Graveside service

FEB 1 (ET)

Miller's Chapel Cemetery
Jonesville, VA

Tribute Wall



“ *Richard Lee Garrett*

October 05, 2023 at 07:31 PM



“ *Annabella Alsup lit a candle in memory of Richard Lee Garrett*



Annabella Alsup - February 06, 2021 at 10:35 AM



I am very sorry for Richard's family. I knew Richard for years. He was a great individual and will be greatly missed.. My prayers are with his family.

Mike Zion - February 07, 2021 at 07:02 PM



“ *Richard was an amazing person. He was the first to reach out to me with support when our son was first diagnosed with Autism. When we worked together at the Vocational school he was always there with a quick word of encouragement, a smile, or his quick witted humor. Me and the kids are sending love and prayers to the family.*

Rebecca Stapleton - February 05, 2021 at 05:39 PM

AN

“ He was an awesome teacher kids are going to miss out.. so sad



Anonymous - February 03, 2021 at 03:04 PM

MA

“ Richard was our basketball coach, and a mentor to us at Jonesville Middle School. You could always count on that smile and positivity no matter what, and him making you run suicides when you messed up!!! Such a selfless and devoted man to not only his family, but to us young guys on all his teams, and any other youth that he could help. We truly lost an amazing person, and he is definitely a man that this world needs more of!! 216– Rest Easy Brother, we will take it from here!!

Matt - February 02, 2021 at 06:22 PM

TH

“ Ty And Kathy Harber lit a candle in memory of Richard Lee Garrett



Ty and Kathy Harber - February 02, 2021 at 01:09 PM

BD

“ *Sandy I just can't seem to wrap my mind around the fact that Richard die. It doesn't seem real and so sorry can't imagine how your feeling you two spent a lot of time together did a lot together. In heart broken so I know your heart hurts so much more. Honestly if you ever need anything I'll be there just let me know Love you and God bless you.*

Brenda Dye - February 01, 2021 at 11:43 PM

FM

“ *Fred Marion lit a candle in memory of Richard Lee Garrett*



Fred Marion - February 01, 2021 at 06:44 PM

CT

“ *Sandy sorry to hear about Richard there no words to say take this pain away now God will help you keep your faith up we are Praying you and family Richard is at piece now with my daughter no more pain and suffer God saw that he was getting tired and a cure was not to be now that golden heart stopped beating those hard working hands to rest he only takes the best and he was the best. Our Prayers with all Cindy and Sam Thomas.*

Cindy and Sam Thomas - February 01, 2021 at 12:05 PM

BD

“ *Belinda Durham lit a candle in memory of Richard Lee Garrett*



Belinda Durham - February 01, 2021 at 11:44 AM

GP

“ *Gary Pendergraft lit a candle in memory of Richard Lee Garrett*



Gary Pendergraft - February 01, 2021 at 11:34 AM

DP

“ *The Larry Presley family wishes to express our sincere sympathy to the family for the loss of his very fine man. Please know that you have been and will continue to be in their prayers in the days ahead.*

Doris Presley - February 01, 2021 at 09:20 AM

DG

“ *Dennis And Gail Donehew Greer lit a candle in memory of Richard Lee Garrett*



Dennis and Gail Donehew Greer - January 31, 2021 at 11:31 PM

SH

“ Thinking of all the family during this sad time. Richard was a good man and will be missed.

Sammie & Bob Horton - January 31, 2021 at 09:12 PM

MJ

“ Mikaela Johnson lit a candle in memory of Richard Lee Garrett



Mikaela Johnson - January 31, 2021 at 08:20 PM

CI

“ I love this family so much!! Too many good memories to share, but we all can agree Richard was the best! Such a great man, who would do anything for anybody. He gave so much to the community, especially to us kids: coaching, reffing, running Jonesville pool, Kentucky Basketball, Elvis Presley, Cincinnati Reds; I don't have enough time to talk about how much he impacted my childhood. Growing up with Keith and Kellie; Sandy and Richard are like another set of parents to me. I can't listen to Elvis without thinking of Richard! He will be missed and always loved!! My heart goes out to Sandy, Keith and Kellie and the whole Garrett family. Praying for you guys the days to come.

Always,
Candace Ingle-Hutcheson

Candace Ingle-Hutcheson - January 31, 2021 at 07:39 PM

SV

“ *Sandy Vaughan lit a candle in memory of Richard Lee Garrett*



sandy vaughan - January 31, 2021 at 03:57 PM

SG

“ *I am so sorry to hear about Richards passing. He was a great guy and was an honor to get to spend the times that I did with him. I could see how much he cared for the kids every time he would let me talk to his class. May he Rest In Peace and may God bring peace to his family.*

SFC Jamal Ghammashi - January 31, 2021 at 08:40 AM

VW

“ *Vicki Ward sent a virtual gift in memory of Richard Lee Garrett*



Vicki Ward - January 30, 2021 at 11:11 PM

VW

Richard was a great man,love and prayers for the family..

Vicki Ward - January 30, 2021 at 11:13 PM

RM

May God grant you peace and comfort in these very difficult days. Richard was a friend and colleague of many years and will be greatly missed.

R.C. McDavid - January 31, 2021 at 07:18 AM



“ 68 files added to the album Life Tributes



Robinette Funeral Homes - January 30, 2021 at 03:37 PM

TN

He was a good man and will be sorely missed.

Tamra Newman - January 31, 2021 at 08:50 PM

AC

“ You were a great law enforcement instructor and a true man of God. You will truly be missed Mr. Garrett!! Fly high we know your watching down on us smiling.



Amy Calhoun - January 30, 2021 at 08:23 AM

DG

“ Sandy, Keith, and Kellie,
We are so sorry for your loss. Sending you and your family love,
sympathy and prayers.
Debbie and Steve Garrett

Debbie Garrett - January 30, 2021 at 02:54 AM

TI

“ My memories of Richard are one of many..if you saw him you saw Sandy right beside him you don't see much of that and I always admired their closeness..another memory is the smile on Kelli's face and the obvious admiration she had for her father..she seemed to glow whenever I saw them together..he always made sure to come in and get his grandsons breakfast making sure to have it made just the way they wanted and liked it..he was a very caring man with a heart of gold and he will be dearly missed..not only by the public but by the family that he loved and cherished so much..



Tammy Ingle - January 29, 2021 at 09:37 PM

MC

“ So sorry for your loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.



Mike & Patty Clark - January 29, 2021 at 08:25 PM

BC

“ Richard was a paragon to the community and will be missed.
Please know that our prayers are with Sandy and the family during this very sad time.



Deepest Sympathies,

Jerry and Betty Crusenberry

Betty Crusenberry - January 29, 2021 at 07:30 PM

CS

“ Sandy and family, my prayers will be with you and the family during this time of loss. Richard, my nephew, will be missed by so many. I am so glad I have so many precious memories of him especially our time together on the police force. I will never forget the wonderful person he was. I am sorry to say that due to my health problems I am unable to attend the services. I will be there in my thoughts. I loved Richard and I love each of you.



Charles Sarver - January 29, 2021 at 06:46 PM

PS

“ Thoughts and prayers for the family during this difficult time.



Phyllis and Chuck Shackelford - January 29, 2021 at 06:23 PM



“ Ocean Breeze Spray was purchased for the family of Richard Lee Garrett.



January 29, 2021 at 04:50 PM

DS

“ *Darrell And Joyce Snodgrass lit a candle in memory of Richard Lee Garrett*



Darrell and Joyce Snodgrass - January 29, 2021 at 03:25 PM

LG

“ *I will miss you terribly my brother. Fly high an I know one day I will see you again. Love you Lynda!*💕💕💕



Lynda Garrett - January 29, 2021 at 03:09 PM

SL

“ *I have known Richard since He started with the LCSO. He will be remembered for the good man he was. Thoughts and prayers for the entire family.*



Sharon Lawson - January 29, 2021 at 02:42 PM

KW

“ *May God bless you during this time of loss! Prayers for comfort!! Carlos and Kathy Wolfe*



Kathy Wolfe - January 29, 2021 at 02:38 PM

MC

“ *Mason Cook lit a candle in memory of Richard Lee Garrett*



Mason Cook - January 29, 2021 at 01:54 PM

HH

“ *So sorry such a nice person!!Always had a smile!! Prayers for the family.*



Harold and Barb Hines - January 29, 2021 at 01:13 PM



“ *Ocean Breeze Spray was purchased for the family of Richard Lee Garrett.*



January 29, 2021 at 01:07 PM

SL

“ *Shelby Long lit a candle in memory of Richard Lee Garrett*



Shelby Long - January 29, 2021 at 12:02 PM



“ *Sweet Tranquility Basket was purchased for the family of Richard Lee Garrett.*



January 29, 2021 at 11:51 AM



“ *Theresa Franklin lit a candle in memory of Richard Lee Garrett*



Theresa Franklin - January 29, 2021 at 11:47 AM



“ *He will be remembered for the wonderful man he was. Thoughts and prayers for the entire family.*
Linda Lewis



Linda Lewis - January 29, 2021 at 10:32 AM



“ *Richard and I were cousins! His dear mother Bobbie took care of us when we were kids and our dear mom was sick! I remember sitting at the old high school football games with him and this is how my minds see us!! I am happy to hear what a wonderful family he had to support him! All my prayers*

Janice Yeary Grigsby - January 29, 2021 at 10:23 AM

PJ

“ Pam And Ray Ellis Jr. lit a candle in memory of Richard Lee Garrett



Pam and Ray Ellis Jr. - January 29, 2021 at 10:09 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Richard Lee Garrett.



January 29, 2021 at 09:51 AM



“ Written in the Stars was purchased for the family of Richard Lee Garrett.



January 29, 2021 at 09:26 AM

VE

“ Vera Ely lit a candle in memory of Richard Lee Garrett



Vera Ely - January 29, 2021 at 09:25 AM



“ *Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant was purchased for the family of Richard Lee Garrett.* ”



January 29, 2021 at 09:08 AM



“ *Lee County Amateur Radio Club lit a candle in memory of Richard Lee Garrett* ”



Lee County Amateur Radio Club - January 29, 2021 at 09:05 AM



“ *Tony & Tonya Morelock lit a candle in memory of Richard Lee Garrett* ”



Tony & Tonya Morelock - January 29, 2021 at 08:58 AM



“ *Crystal Moore Emershaw lit a candle in memory of Richard Lee Garrett* ”



Crystal Moore Emershaw - January 29, 2021 at 08:21 AM

HR

“ Hailey Roberts lit a candle in memory of
Richard Lee Garrett



Hailey Roberts - January 29, 2021 at 08:21 AM

SS

“ Sue Shelburne lit a candle in memory of
Richard Lee Garrett



Sue Shelburne - January 29, 2021 at 07:46 AM

BR

“ Beverly Ringley lit a candle in memory of
Richard Lee Garrett



Beverly Ringley - January 29, 2021 at 07:41 AM

JM

“ Judy Mullins McNew sent a virtual gift in
memory of Richard Lee Garrett



Judy Mullins McNew - January 29, 2021 at 07:40 AM

VM

“ May God send you comfort in this hour.
Prayers n sorry for your loss.



vicky n randy mcelyea - January 29, 2021 at 03:27 AM

JE

“ I may not have took his class but i still talked
to him everyday. I would walk down the hall
and he would say your staying out of trouble
right Jess. He was a great listener.



Jessica - January 29, 2021 at 02:06 AM

MM

“ Michelle McIntosh lit a candle in memory of
Richard Lee Garrett



Michelle McIntosh - January 28, 2021 at 11:57 PM

KA

“ We will miss seeing him at the auction and he will be greatly missed
the little time we did get to know him he was a wonderful person
prayers for everyone

Katina and donald from white rock auctio - January 28, 2021 at 11:10 PM

DK

“ *Deb And Larry Kimmel lit a candle in memory of Richard Lee Garrett*



Deb and Larry Kimmel - January 28, 2021 at 10:20 PM

EW

“ *Love and prayers for these very special friends. I cannot imagine your loss. May God bless and comfort you.*



Ernestine Wright - January 28, 2021 at 10:15 PM

RS

“ *Prayers for you, Kelli, during this difficult time. I respected and admired your dad, he was a wonderful man and touched the lives of so many.....*



Rikki Hammonds Smith - January 28, 2021 at 10:06 PM

AS

“ *Aubrey Stapleton lit a candle in memory of Richard Lee Garrett*



Aubrey Stapleton - January 28, 2021 at 09:39 PM

JO

“ *Richard was a good hearted man that I got along well with. He always gave a 100 percent on everything he did he will be mist by everyone who had the privilege of Knowing him*



Jeff Oaks - January 28, 2021 at 09:08 PM

CH

“ *Claudia Howard lit a candle in memory of Richard Lee Garrett*



Claudia Howard - January 28, 2021 at 08:49 PM

TA

“ *Bill & Tinker Anderson*



Tinker Anderson - January 28, 2021 at 08:29 PM

SW

“ *Susan Bartley Widener lit a candle in memory of Richard Lee Garrett*



Susan Bartley Widener - January 28, 2021 at 08:11 PM

JM

“ Jimmy And Teresa Moore lit a candle in memory of Richard Lee Garrett



jimmy and teresa moore - January 28, 2021 at 08:07 PM

SN

“ Sandy Newman lit a candle in memory of Richard Lee Garrett



Sandy Newman - January 28, 2021 at 07:15 PM

MM

“ It is an honor to call Richard my friend. I never spoke with him where I didn't walk away feeling better with a smile on my face. He cared deeply for the county and wanted the best for all. The love for his family, undeniable. He is and will continue to be missed. Prayers to the family.



Melissa McDOnals - January 28, 2021 at 07:04 PM

JG

“ Richard was a light to everyone who knew him. Prayers for strength and comfort.

Jill Graham - January 28, 2021 at 07:01 PM

RG

“ Robert, Jill & Morgan Graham lit a candle in memory of Richard Lee Garrett



Robert, Jill & Morgan Graham - January 28, 2021 at 06:59 PM

TH

“ We are praying for you all.
Tim & Jacqui Hobbs and Family

Tim & Jacqui Hobbs - January 28, 2021 at 06:01 PM

CO

“ Chris Osborne lit a candle in memory of
Richard Lee Garrett



Chris Osborne - January 28, 2021 at 05:59 PM

DK

“ Richard was a great co-worker. Never will forget him helping my dad while employed by the town. Sandy, Keith, and Kelly you can be very proud and remember "where there is much love, there is much grief."

Dianne Kiser and Family



Dianne Kiser - January 28, 2021 at 05:18 PM

BM

“ Bruce Miles lit a candle in memory of Richard Lee Garrett



Bruce Miles - January 28, 2021 at 05:17 PM

AL

“ Alice Livesay lit a candle in memory of Richard Lee Garrett



Alice livesay - January 28, 2021 at 04:58 PM

JB

“ John And Angie Broadhuhn lit a candle in memory of Richard Lee Garrett



John and Angie Broadhuhn - January 28, 2021 at 04:45 PM

MH

“ Mark Holland lit a candle in memory of Richard Lee Garrett



Mark Holland - January 28, 2021 at 04:31 PM



“ *Robin & Scott Napier lit a candle in memory of Richard Lee Garrett*



Robin & Scott Napier - January 28, 2021 at 04:20 PM