



David "Jack" Ratliff

February 18, 1943 - November 10, 2022

David "Jack" Ratliff, age 79, of Haysi, Virginia, passed away Thursday, November 10, 2022 at Dickenson Community Hospital. He was the son of the late Ezra and Fern Ratliff and a graduate of Haysi High School and Pikeville College. He worked as a math teacher, social worker, and in many roles in several mines. He spent many years as a special Game Warden and as an auxiliary police officer. He loved outdoors, working on cars and loved his animals. He like to help people however he could.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his beloved wife, Bonnie Sue; sisters, Lou Davis and Lois Wright; brother Frank Ratliff; and a grandson David Giesler.

Survivors Include:

His Daughters: Elizabeth (Chuck) Giesler and Janet Redden

Grandsons: Zachary Giesler, Jacob Redden, Jonathan Redden, James Redden, and Joshua Redden

Granddaughters: Jessica Giesler and Alyssa Giesler, Amanda Grace and Abigail Clara

Nephews: Bill Davis, Eddie Ratliff, Brooks Wright, and Keith Wright

Niece: Tammy Lockhart

Many other cherished family and friends

Jack's wishes were to be cremated without any services. A remembrance ceremony will be held at a later date.

Mullins Funeral Home and Staff are serving the Ratliff family. Online condolences may be made online at www.mullinsfuneralhome.net.

Tribute Wall

GH

“ So very sorry to hear. Jack was a friend to all in the mountain and will be missed.

Gerene Rowe Hackney - November 15, 2022 at 07:37 PM

DK

“ I always remember when your parents came to Adams County for a Kendrick reunion. I admired your dad's easygoing nature. Dan Kendrick

Dan Kendrick - November 14, 2022 at 01:50 PM

BW

“ Jack was so kind to my husband and I when we moved to the area many years ago. He made us feel welcome and was patient with teaching my husband how to purchase and work on a truck! He loved our dog like his own and would come up to the house to just chat or take the dog for a ride! His kindness will live on in his daughter Janet who I have gotten to know over this past year. My prayers are with the entire family as you walk through this tough time. My the Lord bring you comfort. ❤️

Barbara Wilbur - November 14, 2022 at 12:43 PM

DH

“ There are not enough words to express what "Jack" was to me, but here are a few in honor of his memory. First, you were a protector of Dickenson and Buchanan Counties Wildlife and Natural resources for over (5) Decades. You started assisting the then Va. Game Commision, starting with Mr. Otto Kendrick , without compensation and continued to assist over (15) other Va. Game WARDENS and Conservatio police Officers, as they are known now. I was so fortunate to have been one of those. I do not think there is a corner within Dickenson County, or a substantial portion of Buchanan County that he and I had never been in, whether on foot or by vehicle. Jack always had my back in more than a few tenuous encounters with individuals violating the game and fish laws of our state, and I know that he knew I had his. We shared many adventures together, and for a worthy cause and always with the best interests of our states Wildlife and Natural resources in mind. I am proud to have known and worked with him. He was like an older brother to me. My sincere condolences to his surviving daughters and their families. Daniel Hall ,(Retired)
S gt. Va.
Conservation Police

Daniel Hall - November 12, 2022 at 12:39 PM