



## Richard Anthony Mullins

November 11, 1963 - May 9, 2023

Richard Anthony Mullins, age 59, of Kingsport, TN passed away after a short battle with cancer on May 9, 2023 at Holston Valley Medical Center. Richard was born November 11, 1963 in Abingdon, Virginia to Coy and Regina Sluss Mullins.

Richard was a 1982 graduate of Clintwood High School. After high school, he served his country by joining the Air Force where he specialized in logistics. After the Air Force, Richard was a Deputy Sheriff in Claiborne County, Tennessee. He then had the amazing opportunity to become an undercover narcotics agent based out of Mountain City, Tennessee. He served on a multi county task force in upper East Tennessee, at times assisting the FBI, DEA, TBI, and ATF. Richard then drove trucks both long haul and short haul for what is now XPO Logistics, giving him the opportunity to see much of the country.

He was preceded in death by his father, Coy Mullins; his paternal grandparents, David Newton Mullins and Lura Mae Poe Mullins; and his maternal grandmother, Adna Sluss.

Survivors include:

His mother - Regina Sluss Mullins Ross of Piney Flats, TN.

His partner - Nancy Newton Blair of Kingsport, TN.

Childhood friends like brothers - Charles Mullins of Blountville, TN, Dennis Dutton of Clintwood.

Like a son - David Lane Blair of Hubert, NC.

Like a grandson - Augustus Lane Blair of Deep Gap, NC.

Half-brothers - Gary of Clintwood, Greg of Lexington, KY

Half-sisters - Donna Mullins Slye of Jessup, Maryland, Mitzi Mullins Smith of Lexington, Kentucky.

Special niece - Misty Fleming of Clintwood.

And many aunts, uncles, and cousins.

It was Richard's wish to be buried next to his father in the Mullins Family Cemetery in Clintwood. The family will receive friends at 1:30 pm on Sunday, May 14, 2023 at Mullins Funeral Home Chapel with services beginning at 2:00pm with Joe Glenn Sluss and Lester Mullins officiating. Burial will immediately follow.

Pallbearers will be Dennis Dutton, Charles Mullins, Joe Rakes, Robert Mullins, Ron Phillips, and David Blair.

Mullins Funeral Home and Staff are serving the Mullins family. Online condolences may be made at [www.mullinsfuneralhome.net](http://www.mullinsfuneralhome.net)

# Previous Events

## Family will receive friends

MAY 14. 1:30 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Mullins Funeral Home Chapel  
210 Main St.  
Clintwood, VA 24228

## Funeral Service

MAY 14. 2:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Mullins Funeral Home and Crematory created a Tribute Video in memory of Richard Anthony Mullins*



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**Mullins Funeral Home and Crematory** - May 12, 2023 at 11:56 AM

DP

“ *Denise Powers sent a virtual gift in memory of Richard Anthony Mullins*



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**Denise Powers** - May 15, 2023 at 01:17 PM

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“ *One of the few pictures I have of Richard. A group of us had went our to eat and it was close to his birthday so he got to wear the sombrero and they sang happy birthday to him. I believe he was telling all of us he would get even right before I snapped the picture.*



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**Tracie Hansford** - May 13, 2023 at 10:18 PM

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“ *Tracie Hansford lit a candle in memory of Richard Anthony Mullins*



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**Tracie Hansford** - May 13, 2023 at 10:04 PM

BC

“ *Barbara Murphy Carlton lit a candle in memory of Richard Anthony Mullins*



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**Barbara Murphy Carlton** - May 13, 2023 at 12:28 AM

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“ *Nancy Blair lit a candle in memory of Richard Anthony Mullins*



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**Nancy Blair** - May 12, 2023 at 02:26 PM



“ 35 files added to the album Life Tributes



Mullins Funeral Home and Crematory - May 12, 2023 at 11:36 AM

BC

*I'm so sorry to hear of another classmate 1982 lost. I'm sorry for your loss may God give you peace and comfort now and the days ahead. Richard was so kind&sweet we had lots of fun during High School that smile he had you couldn't help but like him. I remember taking him home 1 time he kept saying mom's goin to kill me over&over I can see him now running up the hill. He sure loved his mom I do no that. I hadn't seen him since we Graduated. my friend your pain is over.God has got another angel.To his mother what a beautiful tribute R.I.P. my friend Class of 1982.*

Barbara Murphy Carlton - May 13, 2023 at 12:16 AM

EC

“ Ella Nora Carmony lit a candle in memory of Richard Anthony Mullins



Ella Nora Carmony - May 12, 2023 at 09:40 AM

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“ *All My Deepest Sympathy!*  
*Ella Nora Ramsey Carmony*  
*Abingdon, VA*

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**Ella Nora Carmony** - May 12, 2023 at 09:37 AM

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*Regina I am so sorry for your loss. May God wrap His arms around you  
in the coming days. Love you .*

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**Shirley Standifur Deel** - May 12, 2023 at 02:34 PM