



Lonnie Lee Garrett

August 17, 1943 - June 26, 2018

Big Stone Gap, Va.

Lonnie Lee “Rainbow” Garrett, 74, welcomed into the loving open arms of his Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, passing away on Tuesday, June 26, 2018 at Lonesome Pine Hospital.

He was a lifelong resident of Big Stone Gap and worked with the Rainbow Bakery in his early years. Lonnie was a retired coal miner with the Westmoreland Coal Co., with 22 years of service. He was a proud member of the U. M.W. A. Local #1607. He was a member of the Bethesda Church of God in Big Stone Gap, where The Rev. Donnie Pickett loved and encouraged Lonnie in his love of the Lord.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Vernon and Nona (Quillen) Garrett; brothers, Charles, Herbert, Wayne and Paul Garrett; sister, Maxie Harbin; special nephew, Billy Harbin; grandchildren, Michael Swiney, Nikki Lipps, and Mia; and two special pups, “Muffin” and “Pepper.”

Lonnie is survived by his loving wife of 57 years and best friend, and the one who brought him to the Lord, Nellie Garrett. Lonnie and Nellie had their “first” wedding underneath a maple tree when he was eight years old and she was six. A cigar band signified their union.

In addition to his wife, Lonnie is survived by his four daughters, Rhonda (James) Lovell, Elizabeth (Greg) Boggs, Veronica Garrett and Sandra (Charlie) Johnson, all of Big Stone Gap; grandchildren, James (Angie) Garrett, whom he adopted as a son, Josh, Jessica, Jenn, Justin, Amy, Beck, Brian, Hunter, Caitlin, Kirsten, Hannah, Seth and Kayley; eleven great grandchildren; sister, Doris Fields of Big Stone Gap; several nieces and nephews; and a host of friends.

The family will receive friends from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Sunday (July 1, 2018) at Holding Funeral Home (17 E. 3rd St., N.) in Big Stone Gap.

The funeral service will follow at 6:00 p.m. in the funeral home chapel with The Rev. Donnie Pickett officiating.

Committal services and a U. M. W. A. graveside rite will be conducted at 11:00 a.m. Monday (July 2, 2018) at Glencoe Cemetery. The family and friends will meet at the funeral home by 10:30 a.m. Monday to go in procession.

The pallbearers will be: Charlie Johnson, Greg Boggs, Kenneth Osborne, Scott Morgan, Hunter Neece, Marvin Fields, Bobby Potter and Leonce Hall.

To view the obituary online and offer condolences, please visit www.holdingfuneralhome.com.

Holding Funeral Home is serving the Garrett family.

Cemetery Details

Glencoe Cemetery

Spring Street
Big Stone Gap, VA 24219

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 1. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Holding Funeral Home, Inc.
17 E. 3rd St., N.
P. O. Drawer H
Big Stone Gap, VA 24219
1-276-523-1470
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Service

JUL 1. 6:00 PM (ET)

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Funeral Procession

JUL 2. 10:30 AM (ET)

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Committal Service

JUL 2. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Lonnie Lee Garrett*

October 07, 2023 at 10:50 AM



“ *Sorry for your loss. Bro. Lonnie was always a blessing when I preached at GOD's New Harvest Church. Praying for the family in JESUS Name!*
Bro. Rick Quillen

Rick Quillen - June 30, 2018 at 11:58 AM



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Katie Tignor - June 29, 2018 at 11:26 PM



“ *Teresa Kilmon lit a candle in memory of Lonnie Lee Garrett*



Teresa Kilmon - June 28, 2018 at 09:19 AM

RF

“ *He always had something to say. If you had a story to tell him, he could add on to the story and keep a good conversation going. It's hard to say good-bye, when they can't say good-bye back.* ”

Rick Fields - June 28, 2018 at 07:03 AM

SB

“ *Our Deepest Sympathy to the Garrett Family may God comfort you with his peace. We love you!* ”



Sam and Betty Bass - June 27, 2018 at 09:16 PM

LP

“ *Lois Porter lit a candle in memory of Lonnie Lee Garrett* ”



Lois Porter - June 27, 2018 at 08:09 PM

DM

“ *David McNutt lit a candle in memory of Lonnie Lee Garrett* ”



David McNutt - June 27, 2018 at 08:05 PM

Daf
Delph

“ *I have no words.*



Daf Delph - June 27, 2018 at 07:57 PM

CB

“ *Connie Bryant lit a candle in memory of Lonnie Lee Garrett*



Connie Bryant - June 27, 2018 at 07:54 PM

KD

“ *I am truly sorry for this lost to this family LONNIE and his wife Nellie and all of there children are special to me may Gods comfort and peace be with this family and they all know I cherish and love them dearly*



kenneth Durham - June 27, 2018 at 06:35 PM

KD

“ *Kenneth Durham lit a candle in memory of Lonnie Lee Garrett*



kenneth Durham - June 27, 2018 at 06:31 PM

GA

“ *Glynis Aistrop lit a candle in memory of Lonnie Lee Garrett*



Glynis Aistrop - June 27, 2018 at 05:50 PM

DJ

“ *David Aistrop Jr lit a candle in memory of Lonnie Lee Garrett*



David Aistrop jr - June 27, 2018 at 05:47 PM

SR

“ *Shirley Rosenbaum lit a candle in memory of Lonnie Lee Garrett*



shirley rosenbaum - June 27, 2018 at 05:39 PM



“ *He was such a welcoming man and showed me his love of his precious savior anytime i was around him. Him and his sweet wife Nellie was always so kind to me and my husband richard and the times we visited their church. God had truly gained a warrior.*

Teresa Kilmon - June 27, 2018 at 05:23 PM

SD

“ He helped me when I was growing up. I was at his house more than my own. Lonnie and Nellie are my cousins. But they were closer than that. He stood by me when I lost my Dad in 1977. I am going to miss all the pictures Sandra put up and all the text she tells him about when I check on Lonnie. Love you so much and really going to miss my rock. Love Sheila Quillen Dixon

Sheila Dixon - June 27, 2018 at 02:56 PM