



Richard "Elmo" Honeycutt

August 20, 1933 - September 10, 2023

East Stone Gap, Virginia

Richard Elmo Honeycutt, affectionately known to friends and family as Elmo or simply “Mo” passed away peacefully on September 10th. Born and raised in Big Stone Gap, VA, to Wilbur and Alice Honeycutt. He later moved to Andover, Virginia, and was one of ten children.

Early on, Elmo dedicated himself as a repairman in the coal mines and was an active member of the United Mine Workers of America (UMWA). Yet his involvement went beyond his work; he deeply loved his community. For years, Elmo coached youth sports, ranging from Little League baseball to Peanut Football. It was never just about the games, but about teaching young folks valuable lessons in life.

As he reached his golden years, Elmo found his peace in gardening. With his hands sunk into the earth, he nurtured everything from tomatoes to corn, his garden becoming a living celebration of life's simple but profound joys. A man of faith, Elmo was a dedicated member of his church, serving God and his congregation with equal measures of love. His devotion extended to his family including his many grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and even neighborhood children who looked up to him as a father figure.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Doris Marie Honeycutt "Smith"; his infant daughter, Kim Marie Honeycutt; his son, Richard Edward Honeycutt; siblings, Ray Honeycutt, WJ Honeycutt, Buster Honeycutt, Paul Honeycutt, Libby Rowland, and Louise Honeycutt.

Elmo leaves a legacy of love and community. He is survived by his four children, Billy Ray Honeycutt, Tim Honeycutt and wife Cynthia, all of Big Stone Gap, Lisa Sturgill and husband Jim of Appalachia, and Sherrie Fields of Kingsport, TN.; brothers, Ralph Honeycutt, Donald Honeycutt and wife Nellie; sisters, Faye Benich and Judy Collins. His legacy also lives on through his grandchildren, Jimmy Sturgill, Rick Honeycutt, Brittany Richardson, Ethan Honeycutt, Sierra Turner, Jeremy Honeycutt, Jared Honeycutt, and Patience Honeycutt; as well as his great-grandchildren, Clayton Sturgill, Bailey Sturgill, Landon Honeycutt, Arianna Green, Brentley Richardson, Brylee Richardson, Anduin Honeycutt, Axton Honeycutt, Easton Honeycutt, Scarlett Honeycutt, Hadrian Jennings, and most recently Brody Honeycutt.

The family will receive friends on Thursday, September 14, 2023, from 12:00pm to 2:00pm at Holding Funeral Home. The funeral service will be conducted at 2:00pm in the funeral home's chapel with John Dickenson and Greg Townsend officiating. Special music will be provided by Kerri Honeycutt. Graveside services will be held following in Powell Valley Memorial Gardens.

Pallbearers will be Jimmy Sturgill, Rick Honeycutt, Ethan Honeycutt, Jeremy Honeycutt, Jared Honeycutt, and BJ Richardson. Honorary pallbearer will be Landon Honeycutt.

A memorial video has been created for family and friends at:

<https://www.tributeslides.com/tributes/show/NZC33X3N5S8CW6HQ>

An online register is available for the family at www.holdingfuneralhome.com

Holding Funeral Home is honored to be serving the family of Richard "Elmo" Honeycutt.

Cemetery Details

Powell Valley Memorial Gardens

5650 Powell Valley Road
Big Stone Gap, VA 24219
(276) 679-0030

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP 14. 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

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Service

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Tribute Wall



“ *Holding Funeral Home, Inc. created a Tribute Video in memory of Richard "Elmo" Honeycutt*



Holding Funeral Home, Inc. - September 11, 2023 at 06:21 PM



“ *Richard "Elmo" Honeycutt*

October 07, 2023 at 10:50 AM



“ *Elmo was my brother-in-law. He always had a smile for me and Charles and welcomed us with love always. He loved his garden and shared with me whenever we would return home for a visit. He dearly loved his children and grandchildren and did his best to take care of them. Seems he always had a baby in his lap! You lived a long, hard life, Elmo. Now go rest high on that mountain with my beloved sister. We will miss you. Billie and Charles*

Billie Hobbs - September 13, 2023 at 08:23 PM

SF

“ Tommy and Shirley Fisher



Shirley Fisher - September 13, 2023 at 12:39 PM

EJ

“ My best memory of Elmo was he had worked on the miner all shift and didn't get it fixed and he told me to "rub on it awhile, he had rubbed on it all night". And another time he told me that I had spoiled the drill men,I asked him how I had done that. He said that they expected him to make up bolts and help them when he didn't have something dow.

Eddie Jennings - September 12, 2023 at 10:00 AM

JH

“ Judy Huffman lit a candle in memory of Richard "Elmo" Honeycutt



Judy Huffman - September 11, 2023 at 08:46 PM

MH

“ Mary Howell lit a candle in memory of Richard "Elmo" Honeycutt



Mary Howell - September 11, 2023 at 05:40 PM

JB

“ *What a friend, he took me under his wing when I started in the mines.*

Jerry Blevins - September 11, 2023 at 11:48 AM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Richard "Elmo" Honeycutt.*



September 11, 2023 at 08:56 AM

RW

“ *Blessed to have known him . He and Doris always treated me with so much love and kindness. I will always treasure the talks we had about the Lord, the Bible, the advice that gave me about gardening and just every day life. We had some great "discussions" (lol) over politics as well, I still chuckle remembering how he would say.. "Now Rhonda, you know I'm right!" He was definitely one of a kind and I also know how much he loved his family. He did with his whole heart ❤️ I am so sorry for your loss and I am praying for peace and comfort today and in the days ahead. Love you all ❤️*



Rhonda Falin Womble - September 10, 2023 at 11:29 PM

JB

Elmo and Doris were my best friends when I lived in Andover love you both so much ❤️💜💖

Jane Ann Frazier Boyd - September 11, 2023 at 09:41 AM

BI

Being born & raised in Andover with Mo I have cherished memories of him. Mo was a good man who will be welcomed by God with open arms to join his beloved wife "Toody" & family

BILLCARLTON - September 14, 2023 at 06:42 AM