



FRED RICHARD GAYNESS

February 25, 1953 - September 17, 2024

Fred Richard Gayness, 71, of Berwind, WV, passed away Tuesday, September 17, 2024 at Clinch Valley Medical Center in Richlands, VA. Born February 25, 1953 in Welch, WV, he was the son of the late Elmer Woods and Betty Gayness Woods.

Fred was retired from the Norfolk and Southern Railroad. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army. He was a graduate of Tazewell High School. He was a dedicated member of the Berwind Volunteer Fire Department for 30 years and was also the current Chief of the Department.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by one sister, Mary Eastridge and husband Mike Eastridge; one daughter, Traci Gayness and grandmother, Dorothy Lane.

Those left to cherish his memories are his loving and devoted wife, Mary Ellen Gayness of the home; one son, Brian Gayness of Bluewell, WV; one daughter, Sarah Muncy and husband James of Warriormine; four brothers, David Woods and wife Joann of Moyock, NC, Richard Gayness and wife Linda of Randleman, NC, William Woods and wife Loretta of Bishop, VA, Ray Gayness of Galveston, TX; one sister, Trish Brown and husband Kevin of Palm Coast, FL; one special grandson, James "Boononny" Muncy III; special nieces and nephews, LaDonna, Jason, Adam, Amanda, Krissa who she called her uncle "Freddog", Cameron who called her uncle "Pop Pop", Alicia, Danielle, Kaelin, Hannah, Emma Charles among many others.

Funeral service will be conducted Sunday, September 22, 2024 at 12:00 Noon

from the Berwind Pentecostal Christian Church in Berwind with the Pastor Randy Campbell Jr., officiating. Following the services there will be Special Firefighter Services at the Berwind Fire Station. Following those services the procession will go to the Hartwell Cemetery where Military Graveside Rites will be conducted by the Laeger V.F.W. Post 1144 of Laeger. Burial will immediately follow.

Friends may call Saturday evening September 21, 2024 at the church after 6:00 PM.

Pallbearers will be Randy Curry, Shannon Dawson, Chris Sanseverino, Matthew Dash, Adam Charles and Jason Owens. Honorary Pallbearers will be special friends, Danny Curry, Ralph Johnson, Doug Shelton, Mike Kerekes, Dewayne Ellis, Greg Day, Joey Fields and Kim Dawson.

The Douglas Mortuary in Welch is serving the family. Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.douglasmortuary.com

Cemetery Details

Hartwell Cemetery

Hartwell, WV

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP 21. 6:00 PM (ET)

Berwind Pentecostal Christian Center
3363 Rift Berwind Rd
Berwind, WV 24815

Funeral Service

SEP 22. 12:00 PM (ET)

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Berwind, WV 24815

Tribute Wall

PR

“ I will always remember me Freddy and Paul coaching little league. I am praying for his wife a child hood friend all our life and his kids and grandkids

Pearl Ritchie - September 21, 2024 at 02:17 PM

JM

“ Thank you for your service and all you have done, prayers to all the family.

Jerry Mullins - September 21, 2024 at 10:58 AM

CB

“ Friddie always made me and Caleb laugh. When Caleb was little he would go over to Friddies house go up on the porch ask Friddie Friddie are u sick and Friddie would say no Caleb I'm not sick and Caleb would get Friddies can of pop and get a drink of it lol. Friddie always talked about that Friddie never failed to buy my son a gift for his birthday, or Christmas and Caleb thought of Friddie as a uncle. We already miss u Friddie but you ain't hurting, or having any more cancer, Fly high Friddie with Love Christy Barton, and Caleb Payne.



Christy Barton - September 21, 2024 at 03:22 AM

PT

“ Rest easy Chief thank you for your service

Paul Turpin - September 20, 2024 at 10:55 PM

JW

“ I'm deeply saddened by the loss of my dear buddy Fred. My heart goes out to his family and friends at losing such a fun and caring man in their lives. All my love and prayers.

Julian Whited - September 20, 2024 at 10:24 AM

JH

“ James @ Ruby Harmon sent a virtual gift in memory of FRED RICHARD GAYNESS



James @ Ruby Harmon - September 19, 2024 at 10:04 PM

SL

“ My heart is saddened by the loss of my uncle Freddy he was all the time picking at one of us kids he is with mom and dad and grandma and grandpa my heart goes out to my aunt Mary and Sara and Brian and that precious grandson my you God give you comfort during this time love you all and your in my prayers

Stephanie Linkous - September 19, 2024 at 07:05 PM

DF

“ Dave, Paula and Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of FRED RICHARD GAYNESS.

Dave, Paula and Family - September 19, 2024 at 06:20 PM



“ *Peace, Prayers & Blessings - Blue and White*
was purchased for the family of FRED RICHARD
GAYNESS.



September 19, 2024 at 06:20 PM



“ *May the memories of your loved one . . .of happy times, joyful*
smiles, laughter, and caring words help you through this sorrowful
time. Eccl. 3:1-9

Florence "Poochie" Powers

Florence Powers - September 19, 2024 at 04:57 PM

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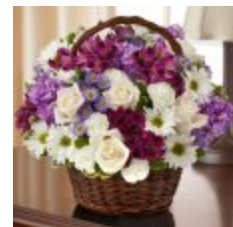
“ Where to beings for my Uncle Freddy.... My heart is sadden by you being gone, but i know that your Heavenly body awaited you. No more shoulder pain, cancer completely gone from you and you are healed. I have so many memories of you, from being like my 2nd dad to being my kids silly GREAT-uncle. I know you never said it to me but I hope you are proud of me and all your nieces and nephews and all their kids. One of my best memories of you was when you gave me, my 1st drink of root beer in a glass bottle and I was so little I thought it was really beer. I cried and wouldn't try it. My son's 1st steps in your kitchen to you cause he wanted your keys. My daughter made faces when you picked on her but she loved every minute of it. And seeing you and my husband grow a bond. We will always cherish you and honor you when we see a fire truck or train. I love you Uncle Freddy, give those Angels a few good jokes for us... this isn't goodbye but see you later....



alicia sanseverino - September 19, 2024 at 04:54 PM

YP

“ Your friend, Florence "Poochie" Powers purchased the Peace, Prayers, & Blessings- Lavender and White for the family of FRED RICHARD GAYNESS.



Your friend, Florence "Poochie" Powers - September 19, 2024 at 04:46 PM

MC

“ *I'm so sorry to hear about Fred passing. The family has suffered a tremendous loss as well as the community. He will be greatly missed by family and friends. My prayers are with Fred's family during this sad time.*

Marlene & Johnny Click - September 19, 2024 at 04:01 PM