



## Richard Lee Bailey

*April 4, 1957 - September 4, 2021*

Richard Lee Bailey passed away peacefully at his home in Whitewright on September 4, 2021, at the age 64. He was born to Dewey Junior and Helen Joyce (Applin) Bailey on April 4, 1957 in Charleston, West Virginia. He was the second child of six children.

Richard was a hard-working man who worked in a variety of jobs, such as bricklayer, helper in a steel mill and later at Royal Case. He believed in being on time, being at work every day and doing his job to the best of his ability.

As much as he valued work, he loved being off work and playing hard on weekends. His family called him a "Sun Bunny" because he loved being at the lake and being outdoors with them. One of his favorite past times at the lake was tossing horseshoes.

Richard married Jackie Vitt in Sherman on April 23, 1985. They were a strong match and loved being together. Part of their weekend fun together was dancing. He was lovingly called "John Travolta" by his family due to his smooth dance moves.

He found his identity and purpose in his family. Richard treasured his times with them. He was a loving and devoted husband, son, brother, and uncle.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Dewey and Joyce Bailey, daughter, Natasha Bailey; sister, Debbie Benatti.

He is survived by his wife, Jackie Bailey; sisters, Linda Hessel and Alice Shoemaker and husband Chuck; brothers, Gary Bailey, Tim Bailey, and Darrin Bailey; and extended family and friends.

# Memorials

*I remember when my dad use to take me to the lake or to Waterloo lake to watch the family shoot horse shoes my uncle Richard love playing horse shoes uncle Richard i will miss you so much but you will live on in my heart and ill remember all those good days at the lake at Waterloo ill never forget love always your niece*

**ANGEL BAILEY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2021**

*My prayers and thoughts are with you all during this very difficult time of grief and sorrow. I pray you find comfort in knowing Richard is at peace now & no longer in pain. I hope the days that follow you'll feel warmth & joy in you heart as you recall all your cherished memories of Richard. May God bless and keep each of you in His loving care always. RIP Richard*

**SANDY BAILEY, SEPTEMBER 5, 2021**

*We Love you Uncle Richard!*

**ROLAND FERNANDEZ, SEPTEMBER 5, 2021**

*I'm so sorry to hear that, I know loss and loss is hard but y'all are a strong family. My prayers are with you guys! I knew Richard a very long time before he got cancer, I knew the good and the bad but one thing that was outstanding about him is if he put his mind to something then he did it! I watched that man lay cigarettes down, drinking, etc. many many years ago! He will truly be missed!*

**DANA ROBINSON, SEPTEMBER 5, 2021**

*You are missed! We love you.*

**RACHELLE, SEPTEMBER 5, 2021**

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