



James L. "Jim" Riffle

December 20, 1951 - October 9, 2022

James Lewis Riffle, 70, of Nitro, went home to be with the Lord and his beloved parents Sunday, Oct. 9, 2022.

Jim was born Dec. 20, 1951, in Charleston, the son of Lewis Edgar Riffle and Virginia Ann (Bush) Riffle.

He was a 1969 graduate of Nitro High School. He obtained an associate's degree in industrial technology in 1977 and a bachelor's degree in 1980, both from West Virginia State College, now known as West Virginia State University.

He retired from Union Carbide Corporation/Dow and later had a second retirement with W.R. Grace in 2016.

Jim loved spending time with his family and loved serving his community. He served on the Nitro Fire Department as a paid volunteer for approximately 35 years and was a member of the Nitro Fire Department Civil Service Commission the last few years. He served as president and coach of the Nitro Midget League Football and then the Nitro Little League Baseball and Softball for a few years. He could often be found bringing joy to youngsters by playing Santa Claus for many Christmas seasons.

He was a 32-degree Mason and a member for 49 years. He was also a member of the Beni Kedem Shrine and its clown unit for several decades, and co-chair of the Shriners Circus for several years.

Jim bowled on several leagues. He also loved to deer hunt, especially with his cousin, Rodney "Butch" Buck, and brother-in-law, Jeffrey Thaxton.

He is survived by his loving wife of 36 years, Kristina Louise (Thaxton) Riffle; his sister, Florence Ann (Riffle) Hannoush of Cross Lanes; stepchildren, Lora (Gary) Abernathy of Loveland, OH, Kevin (Emily) Kiser of Richmond, VA; and Lindsay Kiser of Nitro; two step grandchildren, Anna and Henry Kiser of Richmond, VA; an aunt, Levirdia (Wally Lanier) Harrison of Fairfield, OH; an uncle, Gene (Linda) Bush of Winfield; two brothers-in-law, Rodney (Maliwan) Thaxton of Tyler Mountain and Jeffrey (Sandy) Thaxton of Tyler Mountain; a niece, Elana (Todd) Novak of Freeport, FL; two nephews, Wade Thaxton of Tyler Mountain and Jeremy (Annie) Thaxton Washington of Marmet; and numerous cousins, including Rodney "Butch" Buck of Buffalo. He also leaves behind his fur babies, Daisy and Cinnamon.

He was preceded in death by his parents; twin sisters, Freda and Rita; his father- and mother-in-law, Russell L. and Mary W. Thaxton; a brother-in-law, Dana Thaxton; and a nephew, Jacob Thaxton Washington.

Visitation will be from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Friday, Oct. 14, 2022, at Bartlett-Nichols Funeral Home, 409 Sixth Ave., St. Albans. The funeral will be at 1 p.m., with Pastor Ronald Thaxton officiating. Burial will be at Tyler Mountain Memory Gardens, with Masonic graveside rites.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Shriners Children's hospital, 110 Conn Terrace, Lexington, KY 40508.

Visit Jim's tribute page at BartlettNicholsFuneralHome.com to share memories and condolences with the family.

Bartlett-Nichols Funeral home, family owned and located at 409 Sixth Avenue, St. Albans is honored to serve the Riffle family.

Cemetery Details

Tyler Mountain Memory Garden

5233 Rocky Fork Rd
Cross Lanes, WV 25313

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **14**. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Bartlett-Nichols Funeral Home
409 Sixth Avenue
Saint Albans, WV 25177
(304) 727-4325

Funeral Service

OCT **14**. 1:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of James L. "Jim" Riffle.*



October 13, 2022 at 10:57 AM



“ *Jimmy Riffle was my best friend Flo's younger brother. I remember Jimmy always smiling and laughing everytime I saw him. He was a great guy and raised by two great people whom I had the privilege of knowing the whole family for many years. I loved them all. I know Ann & Big Ed are happy to see you once you passed them pearly gates. Heaven gained another star.*

*Charlotte Hereford-Blackburn
Melbourne, Florida*

Charlotte Blackburn - October 12, 2022 at 06:43 PM



“ *Rest In Peace my Whiffleball friend! When you visited your grandparents in Buffalo during the summer we would play Whiffleball in our backyard all day. Great memories! Thank you for being a part of my life. Maybe, someday we can get a Whiffleball game started in heaven.*

Rex A. Young - October 12, 2022 at 10:37 AM

JC

My neighbor served the folks of Nitro faithfully for over 30 years. He was helpful and cared about the person near him who is very ill. He cared about his community. Rest in peace and condolences for the family.

Jim & Jaunita Carrier - October 14, 2022 at 07:12 PM

DC

*“ It was a privilege to work with Jim at Union Carbide. He was a very gifted and kind co-worker. He was always willing to help in any situation. My condolences and prayers to his family.
David Cushing*

David Cushing - October 12, 2022 at 09:54 AM

TB

*“ I worked as an intern with Jim during the Spring and Summer of 2000. He was very welcoming and helpful. I extremely enjoyed working with him. My deepest sympathies to his family and friends. He was the sweetest.
Prayers
Tammy Lilly Barker*

Tammy Barker - October 12, 2022 at 09:20 AM

FY

“ I so enjoyed working with Jim at Union Carbide. He was a very helpful individual and was always ready to give an extra hand to anyone in need. He will be missed.

Frances Young - October 12, 2022 at 07:38 AM

JF

“ I had the privilege of working with Jim for many years at Union Carbide. He was a really nice guy who took pride in his work and his friendships. My deepest sympathies to his family. John Flaherty

John Flaherty - October 12, 2022 at 01:21 AM

BM

“ Had a lot of great times doing what we loved!



Blaine "Tiger" Means - October 11, 2022 at 06:03 PM