



Mr. Laurence "Tommy" Riney

October 26, 1948 - April 12, 2021

Tommy Riney, age 72, passed away on April 12, 2021 at his home in Lexington, surrounded by his loved ones.

Tommy was born on October 26, 1948 in Kennett, MO to the late LV Riney and Virginia (Reed) Riney Frantzen. Living in Caruthersville, MO, Tommy would later meet the love of his life, Angel Lynn Little, one Halloween night at Knox's Drive In and would go on to marry her just five short months later, where they remained married for 53 years.

Tommy was a veteran who served in both Vietnam at 19 years old and Iraq at 53 years old. He was a proud 5 gallons blood donor, loved playing golf with his Magntek buddies, and retired from the National Guard with his best friend, Tim Russell.

Tommy was a one-of-a-kind man who never met a stranger, was quick with his wit, perfected the art of pranking, and could tell a story so vividly that you felt like you were there. He was calm by nature but fiercely loved and protected his family. He never asked for help but gave it without hesitation and gave it often. He was the main character in our lives and had a heart so genuine and kind that, once you met him, you were immediately drawn to him. Though he loved his wife and children dearly, his grandbabies were his pride and joy. Tommy loved the St Louis Cardinals, John Wayne, western movies, playing

cards, and, man, did he love his lawn! Although he may be gone, he will never be forgotten and a piece of him will forever live within our hearts.

Tommy is survived by his wife, Lynn; two daughters, Shannon (Mike) Wood and Lorie (Buddy) Beecham, all of Lexington; one honorary son, Erik Tinker of Springfield, MO; two sisters, Laura Jean Riney of Dyersburg, TN and Konda Riggs (George Sansom) of Caruthersville, MO; six grandchildren, Derrick Clark, Ally (Reggie) Fleming, Kristin and Xander Wood, Catelyn and Dylan Beecham, and Ethan, Seth, Mason, and Connor Tinker; one great grandson, Jay Fraser; as well as many wonderful nieces and nephews who he wholeheartedly adored and cherished.

Tommy was preceded in death by his parents and his brother, Clyde Riney of Van Buren, MO.

Graveside services will be held at Caraway Cemetery on Sunday, April 25, 2021 at 2:00 PM. In lieu of flowers, the family has requested that donations be made to the First United Methodist Church in Lexington, TN or to the Kirkland Cancer Center in Jackson, TN. Pafford Funeral Home of Lexington is in charge of arrangements.

Due to COVID the family has requested that all attendees wear masks and practice social distancing.

Cemetery Details

Caraway Cemetery

Lexington, Tn

Previous Events

Graveside Service

APR **25**. 2:00 PM (CT)

Caraway Cemetery
Lexington, Tn

Tribute Wall

DW

“ *Delton & Florena Williams lit a candle in memory of Mr. Laurence "Tommy" Riney*



Delton & Florena Williams - April 21, 2021 at 12:49 PM

FS

“ *Families of Joseph, Megan, and Susan purchased the Delightful Dieffenbachia for the family of Mr. Laurence "Tommy" Riney.*



Families of Joseph, Megan, and Susan - April 20, 2021 at 02:24 PM

WG

“ To Lynn and Family- First, I am so sorry to find out that Tommy has gone on to be with his Savior- I agree with his obituary where it said he was a one-of-kind of a man- I would describe Tom as a great man and one of many men that I have ever met- There will not be another like Tom- I met Tom at LeRoy Somer and his coworkers would call him “Tom-Tom” which Tom would act like he was disgruntled but would return his fun and his excitement with a piece of small lead wire across ones (as one would say—Buttocks!)- Oh how he could swing that piece of lead wire and just laugh!! I could go on and on talking about memories of Tom but the system doesn't give me enough words to tell those memories- Henderson County lost a special influential man, he will be missed by me and all of his veterans and friends- “Please let me know if you need anything at all during this difficult time-“
Helen Keller once said;” When it seems that our sorrow is too great to be borne, let us think of the great family of the heavy-hearted into which our grief has given us entrance. And inevitably, we will feel about us their arms, their sympathy and their understanding.”
With Sympathy: Sergeant Major Wayne Garner (Ret-US Army)

Wayne Garner - April 19, 2021 at 11:23 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Mr. Laurence "Tommy" Riney.



April 19, 2021 at 07:11 PM

GF

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Glen W. Ford - April 19, 2021 at 05:35 PM

AC

“ Heaven gained another amazing person. I'll never forget the times I had the opportunity to share with him while mom and uncle bobby hung out. I still remember helping uncle bobby with the roof at his & Lynn's house one year, I still rent he smile he had that day. Tommy give momma a hug when you see her. Always remembered, forever loved.

Prayers for everyone. I'll see y'all at our cemetery. I'm so sorry. I love y'all.

Amber Cornett - April 19, 2021 at 12:34 PM