



## Earnest Lee Ratliff

April 25, 1945 - July 28, 2024

Earnest Lee Ratliff, age 79, of Elliott County, Kentucky passed away Sunday, July 28, 2024 at his residence in Sandy Hook, Kentucky.

Mr. Ratliff was born April 25, 1945 in Troy, Ohio a son of the late James and Louise Thornsberry Ratliff.

Earnest was a Christian who loved everyone he knew. He was a jack of all trades. He enjoyed the outdoors, target practicing, hunting, bluegrass and seeing everyone around him smile. Earnest liked his western shows and reading his Bible. Spending time with his family and friends was a top priority.

In addition to his parents he is preceded in death by one daughter; Linda Kay Ratliff, one brother; Carl "Bucky" Ratliff, two sisters; Ann Whitt and Clarisa Ratliff.

Earnest is survived by the mother of his loving children; Mary Smith Ratliff, six sons; Earnest Lee Ratliff (Amber) of Sandy Hook, Kentucky, Timmy "Bumper" Ratliff (April) of Morehead, Kentucky, Jeffery Allen Ratliff of Morehead, Kentucky, Billy Lee Ratliff (Holly) of Morehead, Kentucky, James "Jimmy" Ratliff of Grayson, Kentucky, Brian Edward Olson II of Sandy Hook, Kentucky, seven daughters, Britney Nicole Lewis (Derek) of West Liberty, Kentucky, Brenda Sue Barker (Jason) of Grayson, Kentucky, Teresa Lynn Newsome

(Edric) of Louisville, Kentucky, Belinda Jo Ison (Jeff) of Sandy Hook, Kentucky, Tammy Lynn Wilder (Richard) of Sandy Hook, Kentucky, Cindy Lou Olson (Brian) of Sandy Hook, Kentucky, Kathy Sue McKenzie (Charlie) of Sandy Hook, Kentucky, thirty two grandchildren, twenty three great grandchildren, along with a host of extended family and friends whom will sadly mourn his passing.

Funeral services will be held 12:00 Noon Thursday, August 01,2024 at Whitt & Sons Funeral Home in Sandy Hook, Kentucky with Bro. Toby Roe officiating. Burial will follow in the Thornsberry Cemetery on Stark, in Elliott County, Kentucky.

Friends may visit at 6:00 p.m. Wednesday, July 31, 2024 at Whitt & Sons Funeral Chapel and after 11:00 a.m. Thursday, August 01,2024 until the hour of service.

Serving as pallbearers will be Collin Howell, Derek Dickerson, Colby McKenzie, Tony Cutwright, Brian Olson, and Jeffery Ison.

Serving as honorary pallbearers will be sons and grandsons.

# Cemetery Details

## **Thornsberry Cemetery**

Olive Hill, KY

# Tribute Wall

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“ Tammy and Kathy, We are so sorry for the loss of your dad. May our Lord above comfort you in His loving arms. We love you



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**Mark & Connie & Family** - August 01, 2024 at 01:07 PM

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“ Jon and Kelly Huddilston & Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Earnest Lee Ratliff.

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**Jon and Kelly Huddilston & Family** - July 31, 2024 at 08:43 AM



“ Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Earnest Lee Ratliff.



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“ Earnest was a big part of my childhood I always called him Earnest Lee he was a loving person everyone at new him loved him I got so many happy memories of him he will surely be missed

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**Angie Skaggs Tinsley** - July 30, 2024 at 07:12 PM