



Russell Radford Akers

November 4, 1944 - November 5, 2023

Russell Radford Akers 79, of Pliny, WV left his Earthly Home and walked into his Heavenly Home on Sunday November 5, 2023 after a courageous 4 year battle with Pancreatic Cancer.

Russell was born November 4, 1944 in Cabin Creek, WV to the late Paskel Ward and Jocelyn Harlin Akers, a coal miners son with Irish Red hair and blue eyes.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded death by his siblings: Ward "June", Dewey and Steve Akers, Francis Gallehugh, Sherry Cooper and Shelly Kay Adkins.

Russell is a 1962 graduate of Hannan High School and upon graduation he left home to find work in Columbus, Ohio. His first job was a dishwasher at Jerry's Drive Inn on High Street, then worked 12 years at Westinghouse Corp. as a machinist and Union Steward. In 1975 he moved the family to WV and worked various jobs until 1977, when he took the position of tank cleaner for Union Carbide and Chemical Tanklines in Institute, WV. He then retired to his farm at the age of 68 after building houses with Ferguson Brothers Construction for 20 years.

Russell had many talents and hobbies that included driving race cars,

bowling, an avid hunter, gardner, watching WVU, NASCAR, driving his John Deere Tractor, and his F-150. He considered Ford Motor Co. the only auto maker. He was a family man and his greatest joy was loving his grandchildren and their visits. A handyman, Mr. Fixit, a good neighbor could always be counted on.

His greatest decision came in 1974 when he accepted Jesus in his Heart and was baptized on a cold snowy October day in Delaware, Ohio. He attended church at Eastside Mission and after moving to WV, he and the family became members and still attend 5 & 20 United Baptist Church in Fraziers Bottom, where he served as Sunday School Superintendent and Trustee.

When the cancer diagnosis came in 2019 he said "I'm a Winner either way, if I go or if I stay!"; his faith in God NEVER wavered.

He is survived by his loving wife of 59 years: Alice Faye; daughter: Angie (Johnny) Hodges; Sons: Rusty (Ronda) Akers and Chad (Melissa Milam) Akers; eight grandchildren: Allison (Cam) Clendenin, Ashley (Chad) Humphrey, JohnJohn (Lasaia) Hodges, Russ (Madison) Akers, Elijah, Gabriel and Ella Akers and Emma Hearn; five great grandchildren: Caroline and Jude Clendenin, Drake and Brady Humphrey and Russell Radford IV, as well as one coming in May 2024.

Russell's Funeral Service will be 11:00 AM Saturday November 11, 2023 at Mount Union Church Fraziers Bottom, WV with Rev. Donnie Akers and Rev. Jim Perry officiating. Burial will follow in Bowcott Cemetery.

Friends may visit the family from 6:00pm until 8:00 pm Friday November 10, 2023 at Chapman Funeral Home Hurricane, WV.

The family would like to thank special friend, David Wears, whom he loved as

a son, the nurses at Edwards Cancer Center, Melissa a.k.a. Miss Kentucky and Miranda and Alex, in Adult Infusion, and Dr.'s Jamil, Scott Mitchell and James Akins for all their care.

Anyone wishing to leave an online memory may do so by visiting Russell's tribute page at: www.chapmanfuneralhomes.com.

Chapman Funeral Home 3941 Teays Valley Road Hurricane WV 25526 is honored to serve the Akers family again.

Cemetery Details

Bowcott Cemetery

19268 Jerry's Run Road
Located at Mount Union Church
Fraziers Bottom, WV 25082

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 10. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Chapman Funeral Home
3941 Teays Valley Road
Hurricane, WV 25526

Funeral Service

NOV 11. 11:00 AM (ET)

Mount Union Church
19268 Jerrys Run Road
Fraziers Bottom, WV 25082

Tribute Wall



“ Chapman Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Russell Radford Akers



Chapman Funeral Homes - November 11, 2023 at 02:00 PM

CA

We Love and Miss you dad. Life will never be the same without you. I would have loved to have seen your face when you got to touch those nail scared hands. I will see you soon. Love, Chad

chad akers - November 12, 2023 at 05:38 AM

EH

i know you're better off now but i miss you dearly pawpaw. i am so glad i got to make it to your party saturday, i didn't know it would be the last time i saw you though. thank you for always being there for me and thank you for always believing in me and being proud of me. i will love you and remember you always, until we meet again pawpaw... love, emma

emma hearn - November 13, 2023 at 06:50 PM

EH

“ my grandpa and bestfriend all in one. we would always go out in the pasture field on the tractor when i was little and feed the cows, we loved taking side by side rides around the road, whether it was to set up trail cams or just to get out of the house. i can remember every time i went over there saturday we went to tudors for breakfast and somewhere like elder beerman then sunday morning we woke up, got dressed and went to church. my paw paw was definitely my bestest friend.

emma hearn - November 13, 2023 at 01:44 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Russell Radford Akers.

November 11, 2023 at 07:10 AM



“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Russell Radford Akers.



November 10, 2023 at 01:55 PM

LB

“ Love & Prayers: Ron, Margaret and boys. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Russell Radford Akers.

Love & Prayers: Ron, Margaret and boys. - November 10, 2023 at 01:55 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Russell Radford Akers.*



November 10, 2023 at 09:26 AM



“ *Pawpaw is how I will forever remember him. He was a kind gentle soul that I got the pleasure of going to church with for many years. He will be greatly missed but he is healed and in no more pain! Alice you and your whole family are special to me will continue to pray for you all during this difficult time* 🙏

Peggy Setliff - November 08, 2023 at 09:25 AM



“ *Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of Russell Radford Akers.*



November 08, 2023 at 05:47 AM



“ *N/A planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Russell Radford Akers.*

N/A - November 08, 2023 at 05:47 AM

JM

“ *Judy Van Meter lit a candle in memory of Russell Akers*



Judy L Van Meter - November 07, 2023 at 09:19 PM

JM

“ *Dear cousin Alice I just wanted to let you know you are in my thoughts and prayers as you go threw the next few days. I love you all and I believe that Russell is busy drawing up a blue print of the mansion that he is going to build with his own hands so everything will be just how he knows you will want it to be for you all to spend eternity in. You are so blessed to have so many caring people around you please let them be there for you it will help them with their grief to be able to help you when ever you need something. I love you. Judy*

Judy L Van Meter - November 07, 2023 at 09:13 PM

CH

“ *Russell was such a kind hard working man. We loved spending time with he and Alice. I know he will be missed by his dear family. You will be in our thoughts and prayers. - Chuck & Lora Huffman*

Chuck and Lora Huffman - November 07, 2023 at 06:48 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Russell Radford Akers.*



November 07, 2023 at 01:59 PM