



Jay Seay Ritchie

November 20, 1935 - January 5, 2016

Resided in Rockwell, NC

Obituary

Jay Seay Ritchie Sr., 80, of Rockwell, passed away on Tuesday, January 5, 2016 at Novant Health Rowan Medical Center.

He was born on November 20, 1935 to the late Gilbert and Ila Brown Ritchie in Rowan County. He was a 1955 graduate Granite Quarry High School. Jay played Professional Baseball and in later years worked as a Car Salesman for Ben Mynatt Nissan.

He was a member of Shiloh Reformed Church, the Major League Baseball Players Association; a Faithfull member of the Saleeby Fisher YMCA Coffee Crew and the Rowan County Sports Hall of Fame.

Jay was a relief pitcher for the Boston Red Sox, Cincinnati Reds and the Atlanta Braves, he played winter baseball in the Dominican Republic and Venezuela; he remained an avid baseball fan throughout his life. Jay was an avid Duke fan and enjoyed watching sports. He enjoyed traveling with his wife Shelby.

Jay is survived by his Wife of over 59 years, Shelby Jean Burwell Ritchie, whom he married December 22, 1956; Two Daughters, Cindi Stevens and husband Bobby of Salisbury, Luann Feserman and husband Gary of Salisbury; Son, Jay Seay Ritchie, Jr. of Rockwell; Two Sisters, Mary Sherrill and Lottie Simpson; Brother, Herman Ritchie; Four Granddaughters, Brittin S. Cox and husband Dustin of Asheville, Adrian S. Staton and husband Matt of Rockwell, Mikel Ann F. Mason and husband Chris of Weddington; and Whitley Stevens and fiance Ryne Jordan of Salisbury; Two Grandsons, Ritchie Feserman and girlfriend Elinor Hurt of Durham, and Jase Ritchie of Salisbury; Two Great-granddaughters, Kenzie, Camryn; Three Great-grandsons, Eli, Levi, Smith.

In addition to his parents, Jay was preceded in death by Brothers, George Ritchie, Hoke Ritchie and Ray Ritchie.

Visitation will be held Friday, January 8, 2016, 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm at the Shiloh Reformed Church Fireplace Lobby.

Funeral services will be held on Friday, January 8, 2016, 3:00 pm at the Shiloh Reformed Church of Faith, with Rev. Richard Myers, officiating. Burial will follow in the Shiloh Reformed Church Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorials in memory of Jay may be made to Shiloh Reformed Church PO Box 308 Faith NC 28041.

Powles Funeral Home of Rockwell, honored provider of Veterans Funeral Care, is assisting the family of Jay Ritchie . Online condolences may be made at www.powlesfuneralhome.com.