



Randy Dean Priest

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Randy Dean Priest, 67, of Trinway, Ohio passed away suddenly Wednesday evening December 30, 2020 at Genesis Hospital Emergency Department in Zanesville, Ohio.

Born April 19, 1953 in Zanesville he was a son of the late James Richard and Dorotha (Wolford) Priest and was a 1971 graduate of Tri-Valley High School. He received his Bachelor's degree in Physical Education in 1976 from West Liberty University in West Liberty, West Virginia. While at West Liberty he was a decorated member of the Hilltoppers football team and was a member of the Chi Nu Fraternity.

Randy was a Physical Education instructor for Tri-Valley Schools for two years and then he continued his career as a truck driver for En-Link/Ohio Oil Gatherings Company of Black Run, a position from which he retired in April, 2020 after over 40 years of service.

Randy attended Frazesburg United Methodist Church, was very active in the community as a former member of the Frazesburg Volunteer Fire Department and as a former Cass Township trustee. A true Tri-Valley football fan, he was a member of the "Chain Gang" at home games for many years. He was especially committed to helping children. He co-founded and was an advisor of the Scotties Pals & Gals 4-H Club and was one of the original organizer's of the Tri-Valley Youth Soccer League. Along with soccer he also coached youth softball, baseball and football.

Randy's commitment to our community and its youth was a treasure to us all. He will be remembered as a great neighbor with a friendly smile, a man who never met a stranger and was always willing to visit and carry on a conversation. With all this said, Randy would be the very first to tell you that the most treasured and proudest things in his life was his wife, his children and his grandchildren. Family was "Number One".



Obituary

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Surviving is his loving wife of 44 years, Paula R. “Polly” (Vickers) Priest whom he married August 7, 1976. Together they had the big family they always dreamed of, which included five daughters, Sarah (Keith) Merce of Dresden, Emily Priest of Zanesville, Molly Priest of Trinway, Rachel (Tyler) Watson of Frazeytsburg and Lauren (Eric) Reed of Zanesville; one son, and his best friend, Caleb (Whittney) Priest of Frazeytsburg; and nine grandchildren, Kamryn Merce, Elijah, Ean, Easton and Erikson Priest, Owen and Amelia Watson, Pearl Priest and Avery Reed. Also surviving are three brothers, including his twin brother, Rick (Becky) Priest of Frazeytsburg, Jim Priest of Frazeytsburg and Tom (Cathy) Priest of Washington, Pennsylvania; three sisters, Carla (Fred) Bennett of Frazeytsburg, Judy (Richard) Goetz and Christy (Rick) Lacy, both of Dresden; a sister in-law, Sandy Priest of Heath, Ohio and nearly 100 nieces and nephews.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a brother, Chuck Priest; his father in-law and mother in-law, Virgil and Idamae Vickers; a sister in-law, Annie Priest and a brother in-law, Michael Brennen.

Calling hours will be from 2pm to 8pm Tuesday, January 5, 2021 at the Frazeytsburg Chapel of Vensil & Chute Funeral Home, 110 West Third Street. Self-provided masks are required and social distancing is recommended.

Funeral services will be 1:00pm Wednesday, January 6, 2021 at the Frazeytsburg United Methodist Church, 87 West Second Street with Pastor John Kay officiating. Burial will be in Frazeytsburg Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Heart Association.



Tribute Wall

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KM

Kamryn Merce posted:

Papaw I miss you every day. Its been almost 4 years but I hope you know how much I miss you.

September 30 at 1:29 PM

CB

Chris Bradley posted:

what a wonderful man. gone way too soon. I would see him at the fair every year and he was friendly to everyone. who didn't like Randy?! Polly ,I will keep praying for you all....Rick, your kids, your grandkids, siblings, in-laws....everybody who knew him. We all feel the loss. May God give you strength & comfort & peace

March 5 at 1:11 AM

JF

Jerry And Donna Frazier posted:

Polly and family you have our prayers and sympathy.

January 29 at 5:29 AM

SD

Susan Dolder posted:

Dear Priest Family, We send sympathy at this time of deeply sad loss. May Randy's memory be a blessing for all those whose lives he touched. And may you find comfort in the love of family and friends. Sincerely, Susan and Carol

January 9 at 11:12 AM

JF

Jessica Fuller posted:

Hugs and Prayers to your family.

January 5 at 9:15 PM

DM

Dave And Donna Mathew posted:

Polly, you are all in our thoughts and prayers at this sad time. Randy will be sorely missed

January 5 at 5:14 PM



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EW

Eric Wasson posted:

To Polly and family, my deepest sympathies to you all. To the whole Priest family my prayers for peace and strength.

January 5 at 3:45 PM

MB

Monica (Nye) Brown posted:

Polly and family, We are sorry to hear about Randy passing away. Our deepest condolences to you and your family. Dean & Monica (Nye) Brown & Families

January 5 at 3:19 PM

LL

Lewis & Cindy Linscott posted:

To the Priest family, we are so sorry to hear about the passing of Randy. He was a great man and a loving person. Randy and the family treated our sons like family through the years. He will be greatly missed. Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you during this time. Love the Linscott family.

January 5 at 2:51 PM

TS

Tom & Judy Sprankel posted:

From the Sprankels to the family, We can not take away your pain, but from friends and family the strength now lay ahead to remember the memories, the heart is never ready to say goodbye. God Bless those who mourn for they will be comforted in this time of sadness. Amen

January 5 at 10:40 AM

JM

John Merriweather posted:

I will miss the conversations about daily life and about sports. I didn't get to know him as well as I would have liked but I enjoyed the time I spent with him

January 5 at 8:06 AM

KS

Kathy Sterling posted:

Thoughts and prayers to Polly and all the Family. My God be with you all.

January 5 at 6:44 AM



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NN

Nathan Nordine posted:

I never had the pleasure of meeting Randy in person. I only know Randy through his daughter, Rachel, whom I have had the pleasure to work with for the past three years, she as an MSW and me as a hospice chaplain. Because of Rachel I know that her father was everything and more than his obituary says. People like Randy, I like to call unsung heroes. His rewards will mainly come from Heaven, and also by watching his family blossom in the years to come. Randy left us at 67 the same way my father left our family at age 69. The shock of losing a loved one this way requires a special kind of healing from God our Heavenly Father. It is that special healing that I pray for Rachel, her mom and siblings, kids and grandkids, and everyone who grieves Randy's passing. Much love and prayers, Nathan Nordine

January 5 at 3:55 AM

BB

Bernice And Jim Bell posted:

In loving memory of a wonderful person. We will love you and miss you always.

January 4 at 1:26 PM

JB

Jeff & Peggy Butler posted:

So very sorry for your family's loss, Randy was a great friend, prayers.

January 4 at 8:13 AM

LG

Lynda Gibson posted:

So very sorry for your loss.

January 4 at 6:45 AM

LC

Luann Cooperrider posted:

Polly and family, I have never met a man that loved his family more than Randy. What a blessing to know this man. I will ask God to wrap his loving arms around you at this difficult time.

January 4 at 6:12 AM



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TK

Tim Kanavel posted:

My condolences to the entire Priest family.

January 4 at 5:59 AM

RB

Ruby Bay posted:

So very sorry for your loss! Your family is in our thoughts and prayers!! Hang on to the memories to get you through this difficult time! Love Rick & Ruby Bay

January 4 at 1:14 AM

DG

Dale Garrett posted:

Randy's obituary describes so much of what I remember as a teammate at West Liberty. Read carefully and you see the description of a hard-working, family loving type of man becoming increasingly rare in our nation. A man that loathed too much attention or accolades, instead savoring time spend with his and the communities children and future. We extremely admire the Priest family and heritage, and Randy was typical, rock-solid friend that anyone could count on regardless of the circumstances facing you. We love Randy, the entire Priest family (even those we never had a chance to engage with), and our hearts are broken realizing we will not have him again here, but we look forward to "hanging out" in our eternal future with our Savior together.

January 3 at 3:51 PM

JS

Jana Snedden posted:

Polly and family... We are so very sorry to hear about Randy. We are sending our thoughts, prayers and the hope of peace and comfort for you all. Bill and Jana Snedden

January 3 at 3:01 PM

GM

Gregg Meadows posted:

Prayers and the comfort they bring for the family of a genuinely kind man who will be remembered in many ways for the many talents he possessed. First and foremost a family man, it goes without saying as well that Tri-Valley Schools/Athletics has lost a treasured member of its family, who will be forever remembered and loved. Gregg Meadows

January 3 at 2:11 PM



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Anonymous posted:

We're so very sorry for your loss and will be thinking of and praying for the Priest Family during this difficult time and the the days ahead. Darlene O'Flaherty, Janna Hetrick, Don O'Flaherty and family

January 3 at 1:10 PM



Lori Clay (Priest) posted:

I send my Love and Prayers to the whole family. He was one Very Special Cousin and will be missed a lot. There is a lot great memories to remember, when we were all together. Love and Miss You All

January 3 at 12:56 PM



Kelvyn And Sherry Moyer posted:

We are so blessed to have met Randy when our granddaughter married his son Caleb. After meeting him we felt as though we had known him forever. He was a very special man in many ways. We are praying for the entire Priest family.

January 3 at 12:44 PM



Raejean Riley posted:

So sorry to hear about Randy. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family

January 3 at 12:29 PM



Chris Coffman posted:

Dear Priest Families! Sorry to hear of the passing of Randy. Keeping you and your families in our thoughts and prayers Chris and Paula Coffman

January 3 at 10:45 AM



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RS

Richard Shepherd posted:

Father God, the spirit of one of your children, Randy Priest, has answered your final call to be returned back into your hands. I am asking that you grant the family and friends of Randy to be filled with the knowledge of Your will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, so as to walk in a manner worthy of You, fully pleasing to You, bearing fruit in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of You. Grant that all the family members and friends be strengthened with all power, according to Your glorious might, for all endurance and patience with joy, giving thanks to You, because You have qualified us to share in the inheritance of the saints in light. Lord, I ask You to send Your Word of healing to all those who are in need no matter if it is through a pastor, a friend or a stranger on the street. And gracious Lord, we ask that You lighten the loads of anxiety, worry, and concern for all family members and close friends. In Your Holy name we pray, Amen.

January 3 at 8:49 AM

CB

Chuck & Linda Besser posted:

Rick and family, So sorry for your loss. May he rest in peace.

January 3 at 8:12 AM

JR

Judy (Delancey) Romine posted:

Sorry for your loss. Prayers to the family. May your memories bring you comfort.

January 3 at 8:00 AM

CF

Carol Fraunfelter posted:

Molly, Sarah & family, So sorry for the loss of your father. I remember him always being so supportive at all the sporting events. Carol Fraunfelter

January 3 at 6:07 AM

GB

Gregory Brown posted:

Polly and Family I extend my deepest condolences for your loss. Randy will be greatly missed by myself and all your neighbors. May God's love be with you all forever.

January 3 at 4:49 AM



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RP

Rick & Val Prouty posted:

So sorry to hear of Randy's passing. Prayers for the family.

January 3 at 4:12 AM

DS

Dean And Tacy Sarbaugh posted:

Sorry to read of Randy's passing. Sympathy to all family members.

January 3 at 2:55 AM

DW

Debbie Work posted:

Sorry for your loss. Prayers for entire family.

January 3 at 2:53 AM

RC

Rodney Cohagen posted:

We are so Sorry to hear this, Prayers to the Family ♥. Rodney and Jeanne Cohagen

January 3 at 1:49 AM

KS

Kristin Stenner posted:

Rest in Peace & Power. Continued thoughts and prayers for ALL the family

January 2 at 10:35 PM

CS

Corrie Stephens posted:

Sorry to hear of this. He was such a friendly man and always called me Miss Hilltopper when he came in the IGA. Condolences to Rachael and Molly as well as the rest of the family.

January 2 at 9:06 PM

JL

Jim And Bobbi Lepi posted:

We are so very sorry for your loss, prayers for all!

January 2 at 8:31 PM



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TH

Tracy Wolford Hickman posted:

I was so sorry to hear of Randy's passing he was a wonderful man and my cousin. I've always had a special place in my heart for the Priest family thanks to my dad and memories of them teasing when I young making me laugh lol I'll always remember that. My thoughts and prayers and love are with all of you at this time. Tracy (Wolford) Hickman

January 2 at 7:15 PM

BJ

Barbara Jennings posted:

So sorry for your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with your family.

January 2 at 7:00 PM

RR

Rick&Adina Roberts posted:

Polly and Family, We are so sorry for your loss. Sending prayers for you and your family for comfort. Randy was one of the good guys/ always willing to help others and always had a smile to share.

January 2 at 6:52 PM

JS

Janie Savage posted:

Judy and Family, So very sorry to hear of Randy's passing. My thoughts and prayers are with you all.

January 2 at 6:26 PM

ML

Mark Lewis posted:

To the family of Randy I am so sorry for your loss, when I entered the fire service i moved to frazeysburg fire, I wasn't to thrilled about driving the big trucks but Randy and Rick both took the time to take me out and drive around to get me over that and comfortable with it. Thank you so much I'll never forget my old friend.

January 2 at 3:20 PM



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PM

Patty Miller posted:

Polly and family So sorry for your loss. Randy was such a great guy. You are in my thoughts and prayers.

January 2 at 3:14 PM

AC

Amy Cannon posted:

Sarah,I'm so sorry for the loss of your dad. I'll bet you have tons of stories to share with one another. You guys made some great memories over the years. Treasure them and his memory always. Thinking of you, Amy Cannon

January 2 at 3:07 PM

IL

Ida And Bobby Lewis posted:

I worked with Randy for 20+ years. His family was a huge part of our church family. We are so sorry for your loss! Praying for strength and comfort during this difficult time.

January 2 at 3:03 PM

HA

Hinda Ardrey posted:

Polly and family, He was a great man. He was a great "doer" and a great "keeper" and the the Lord has.

January 2 at 2:45 PM

PG

Peggy Graham posted:

Sorry about your lost. May God be with all of the family during this difficult time.

January 2 at 2:09 PM

JF

Janeen Fell posted:

So sorry for your loss. Praying for your family.

January 2 at 2:02 PM



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JH

Jenn Hawkins posted:

Polly- and all of Randy's family- my very deepest condolences to you all.

January 2 at 1:58 PM

AN

Amber Naber posted:

He was truly the best of the best! I will miss our yearly conversation in the pig barn. He always put a smile on my face and had a few jokes for me. May God bless you all through this sad time. He will be missed. Much Love to all of you! - Amber Naber and Family

January 2 at 1:40 PM

BA

Brittany Adams posted:

Rachel, I'll never forget your support before/when my mom passed away. It was so nice to see a friendly face and not a stranger. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. May God's love bring you peace.

January 2 at 1:15 PM

DW

Doug And Kim Wolford posted:

So sorry to hear of Randy's passing. He was a GREAT man and cousin. Deepest sympathy and condolences to all family members. Rest in peace Randy!

January 2 at 1:13 PM

BW

Barry And Donna Wisecarver posted:

Sorry for your loss. Prayers for comfort during this time.

January 2 at 1:09 PM

JF

Joyce Fitzgerald posted:

Sincere condolences to family & friends of Randy. What a compassionate & caring leader of the community. Warmest regards from Kentucky with regrets I will not be able to travel to the Buckeye due to pandemic.

January 2 at 12:27 PM



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MW

Michael Wright posted:

Great man. Great family. Great friend. Very sorry for your loss. Big hugs and prayers.

January 2 at 12:27 PM

PM

Pat & Pam Mccarty posted:

May God bless you and your family in this time of sorrow.

January 2 at 12:12 PM

MH

Michael And Tammy Hawk posted:

So so sorry for your loss. He was a great guy. Prayers and healing thoughts to family and friends.

January 2 at 12:11 PM

DB

Deanna Kinzy-Briggs posted:

To all of my Priest friends, I am so sorry for your loss. Many good memories of Randy. Prayers and sympathy to the family. He was a great guy.

January 2 at 12:04 PM

RH

Ralph Howard, Jr. posted:

The Priest Family: Sorry to hear of the passing of Rick. What a great family are the Priest. We send out of sympathy to all the family in this difficult time. Our thoughts and prayers are with the family in this time of sorrow. Ralph & Linda Howard

January 2 at 12:00 PM

LC

Leslie Colopy posted:

My heart aches for the entire Priest family. May you find joy in the memories that you have made.

January 2 at 11:55 AM



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CG

Charles And Dawni Graham posted:

So very sorry for you loss, thoughts and prayers for you all

January 2 at 11:42 AM

DF

Dale-Judy Ferrell posted:

Deepest Condolences from Dale Ferrell and family.

January 2 at 11:30 AM

MS

Michele Schneiderschneider posted:

So sorry to the Priest Family for your loss. Tri-Valley will miss him as part of the chain gang on Friday nights. My thoughts and prayers go out to all who knew him.

January 2 at 11:05 AM

JH

Joan Howell posted:

Judy,so sorry for your loss. Hugs and prayers to you and your family. May the Good Lord comfort you in your time of sorrow.

January 2 at 11:00 AM

RL

Randy And Joyce Lincicome posted:

To the Priest family, sorry to read of your loss. Your family are in our prayers. Randy was a pillar for his family and community.

January 2 at 11:00 AM

CW

Chuck Walcutt posted:

A very good man. The community has lost a giant! Rest In Peace Sir, you surely earned it.

January 2 at 10:59 AM



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TP

Tim Prouty posted:

I am so very sorry for your loss. Randy was a great guy, and passed along a lot of words of wisdom to those of us who knew him. I sought out his advice many times during my time coaching youth sports. He will be missed. He definitely left his mark on the Tri-Valley community, and beyond. Godspeed.

January 2 at 10:56 AM

RJ

Ruth Johnson posted:

Polly and family I can't begin to tell you how sorry I am for your loss. It came as such a shock. My thoughts and prayers are with all of you during this very difficult time and the days ahead. God Bless you all. If you ever need anything please let me know.

January 2 at 10:56 AM

LJ

Lisa Cramer (Jenkins) posted:

I'm so sorry to hear of Randy passing away!! Had he been ill? Will keep u all in my prayers!! I'm sorry I won't be able to make it to the visiting hours on Tuesday with it being clear over in frazeysburg.

January 2 at 10:52 AM

RB

Rodger Brock posted:

So sorry for your loss Praying for your family.

January 2 at 10:46 AM

WB

Wayne Blizzard posted:

So sorry to hear about Randy. What a Great guy! A Great family! May God help you all at this time. My prayers are with the family

January 2 at 10:44 AM

DD

Deborah Denman posted:

So sorry for your loss Randy was a great guy he would do anything for you

January 2 at 10:43 AM



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RU

Ruth posted:

I was so sad when I found out about Randy. I always knew I was going to have a smile and conversation with him whenever I saw him. Your family will have my prayers and thoughts in this difficult time.

January 2 at 10:32 AM

VP

Vick Saylor Pickens posted:

Thinking of all the family. He will be missed. Prayers

January 2 at 10:29 AM

DL

Dotti Lecker posted:

So sorry for your loss. My sincere condolences. Prayers for all his family.

January 2 at 10:26 AM

MC

Michele Corder posted:

May your hearts soon be filled with wonderful memories of joyful times together as you celebrate a life well lived. Prayers to you Rachel and your family.

January 2 at 10:09 AM

JS

Jenn Siegrist posted:

I am so sorry for your loss!

January 2 at 10:02 AM

KF

Ken & Jana Fulks posted:

May God bless you and your family in this time of sorrow.

January 2 at 9:05 AM



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CG

Carolyn And Bill Green posted:

Dear Priest Family, We were so sad to hear of Randy's sudden death! Keep your faith in the Lord and know that He will help you through this very difficult time. Cling to those happy memories to give you some comfort also! You are all in our thoughts and prayers! Sincerely, Carolyn and Bill Green

January 2 at 8:53 AM

RD

Rossann Davis posted:

May the love of friends and family carry you through your grief. So sorry for your loss.

January 2 at 8:52 AM

DM

Daryl Miller posted:

Our prayers and sincere sympathies to the Priest family!

January 2 at 8:48 AM

CM

Carol Mcknight posted:

May the love of friends and family carry you through your grief. Our thoughts are with the entire Priest family at this difficult time. Rick and Carol McKnight

January 2 at 8:36 AM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Randy by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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