



Richard Lee Sample

September 23, 1938 - December 13, 2013

Richard Lee Sample was born in Pungoteague, Virginia on September 23, 1938, to the late Anthony Elaine Drummond (“Mom Lena”) and the late Lloyd Sample Jr. Richard departed this life on Thursday, December 12, 2013, at Beebe Hospital in Lewes, Delaware.

Richard received his education in the Accomack County School System. After moving to Delaware he worked for many years in the poultry and farming industry. It was not uncommon to see Richard with a truckload of strawberries and other fruits and vegetables, but he was best known as the “watermelon man.” Richard was also known by his friends and family as “Cheetah” and “Lil’ Boy Blue.”

Richard and his wife Sarah have been together for over 50 years. He was an extremely hardworking and loving husband and father and was loved by all he met. His giving spirit was ever present and he would gladly give you the shirt of his back. Richard’s boyish smile and sense of humor will be remembered fondly; he always had a joke or a tease for those he cared about. His laughter was spontaneous and he enjoyed sharing a laugh over a game of cards or horseshoes.

Richard leaves to cherish his memory: his wife Sarah; five caring and devoted children; Gregory Horsey, Lena and Karen Selby, Shirley Palmer (Kevin), and

Ricky (Cloretta); fifteen grandchildren, 3 great-grand children, and three special nieces; Elaine Seay, Debbie Williams, and Sylvia Stanley. Two special nephews; James and Tommy Sample; and three close friends; Shultz Gibbs, Cliff Smith, and Ash Cropper. And a special group of lifelong friends from Virginia and a host of nieces, nephews, and other relatives and friends.

In addition to his parents, Richard was preceded in death by his daughter, Claudia Rogers; his only sibling, Lloyd J. Sample Jr., and his God-mother Mabel S. Ames.

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Tribute Wall

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“ Please accept my deepest sympathy during the loss of your loved one. It will be a blessed day when death, sickness and pain will be a thing of the past. (Revelation 21:3&4) Please look forward to the time when you can welcome your loved one back again. (John 5:28&29) We can rely on these promises from the bible because God cannot tell a lie. So, please take comfort in the scriptures during your time of grief and please accept my deepest sympathy at this time.

Doretha Sampson - December 18, 2013 at 12:00 AM

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“ It is with a deep sadness that I am sending this message. I never had the joy of meeting Mr. Sample but if his daughters are any reflection of him, then he was indeed an awesome person. Your family will be in my prayers now and always. Sorrowfully Submitted.

Dee Johnson - December 18, 2013 at 12:00 AM

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“ I'm sorry for your loss. Death is such a hateful and ugly event. But God's words in the Bible give us future hope at Isaiah 25:8 where HE promises to wipe away our tears and swallow up death forever. May you find comfort from God's words in the Bible.

P Land - December 15, 2013 at 12:00 AM

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“ Please accept my heartfelt sympathies for your loss. We all look forward to the near future when the earth will be a renewed paradise and Jesus hope inspiring words will be fulfilled: “Do not marvel at this, because the hour is coming in which all those in the memorial tombs will hear his voice and come out.”—John 5:28, 29.

Sherry - December 14, 2013 at 12:00 AM