



Samuel Ronald Counts

December 25, 1946 - July 1, 2016

Samuel Ronald Counts, age 69, of Butch Branch Road, Union Grove passed away Friday, July 1st, 2016 at his residence. Mr. Counts was born December 25th, 1946 in Dickenson County, Virginia to the late Colbert and Julia Mae Hensley Counts.

Mr. Counts retired from the Iredell County Sheriff Department after 19 years of service attaining the rank of Sergeant. Mr. Counts also served in the United States Army during the Vietnam era from 1966 until honorably discharged in 1968.

Mr. Counts was a member of Smith Chapel Church, Union Grove. Sam was a loving husband, father and grandfather, an energetic, and enthusiastic outdoorsman, loving hunting, fishing and anything outdoors. Sam loved to ride his motorcycle and his John Deere tractor.

In addition to his parents he was preceded in death by his son, Samuel Ronald Counts, II and a sister, Shirley Gray Patrick.

Those left to cherish the memory of Mr. Counts are his wife Rita Jorene Counts, sons, Benjie Alton Ray and Colbert Lee Counts along with three daughters, Julia Rae Poole (Jay), Sabrina JoLeigh Ray, and Maranda Jorene Ray; a brother Lloyd Wayne Counts (Diane) of Conover and sisters, Norma Jean Rasnick of Statesville, Peggy Stewart (Bill) of Castlewood, Virginia and Mary Sue Furnell, (Herman) of Dante, Virginia. Grandchildren surviving Mr. Counts are; Glenn Poole (Brandy), Anthony, Kalee and Makaela Measmer, Sunshyne Ray, Alexandria and Laurel Porter ,Keith and Kanin Kinyoun also

Dylan and Courtney Gagne.

A Funeral Service for Mr. Counts will be conducted Tuesday, July 5th, 2016 at 3:00 PM at Smith Chapel Church, 107 Chapel Lane Union Grove, N.C., with Pastor Jordon Grogan officiating. The Family will receive friends from 2:00 PM to 3:00 PM at the church. Burial will follow in the church cemetery with full military honors.

Tribute Wall



“ *Samuel Ronald Counts*

October 05, 2023 at 11:02 AM



“ *Joyce Chandler EHS65 lit a candle in memory of Samuel Ronald Counts*



Joyce Chandler EHS65 - June 24, 2022 at 05:31 PM



“ *Ronnie and I liked each other I was in the 8th grade and he asked me to prom in 1965. My heart is broken*

Wanda Rose Honaker - January 11, 2022 at 01:15 PM