



Robert Jeffries "Jeff" Rilee

March 4, 1942 - May 20, 2025

It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of our beloved Pop/Poppy/Daddio, Robert Jeffries (Jeff) Rilee, on May 20, 2025. He was surrounded by family as he gazed at his beautiful York River and peacefully departed this world.

Jeff was born in King and Queen County, Virginia, on March 4, 1942. Married for 65 years to his high school sweetheart, Diane Breeden Rilee, he was a proud dad to his daughter, Elizabeth (Beth) Rilee Kelley (Paul) and son, Robert Jeffries (Jeffrey) Rilee, Jr., and granddad to four beautiful grandchildren who were some of his biggest fans: Breeden Kelley Browning (Matt), Paul Thomasson Kelley, Jr. (Samantha), Harlow Rilee Foster (Tyler), and Travis Lucas Haurand (Jennifer). He was proud of his eight remarkable great-grandchildren and always entertained by stories shared by their parents. He is survived by his sisters, Jane Rilee Walton and Betsy Haynes Rilee, and many other beloved family members. He is also survived by his lifelong best friend who was like a brother, Joshua Henry Lawson.

Jeff was preceded in death by his parents, Elizabeth Jeffries Rilee and Ernest Lee Rilee, his brother, Ernest Lee Rilee, Jr., and his son, Robert Jeffries (Jeffrey) Rilee, Jr.

Jeff grew up working on his family's dairy farm (Sunnyside) in King and Queen County and was a true outdoorsman. He never met a boxwood he didn't end up planting somewhere. He loved gardening, cutting grass, crabbing, fishing, and hunting (turkey, duck, deer, quail, etc.). If it involved the outdoors, he was

all in.

Jeff went to Pleasant Hill High School and was a talented athlete. While he played in every sport offered, football was his favorite and in his senior year, league coaches unanimously voted him for All District First Team honors as running back. Jeff was also quite the practical joker as a teen but we won't go into that here.

After graduation, Jeff joined Chesapeake Corporation and worked there until his retirement 37 years later. When the West Point YMCA opened, he joined the staff and spent 10 years socializing...uh, working. Jeff was a die-hard Green Bay Packers fan and owner (with one share of stock to prove it) and an avid UVA fan, following his Wahoos in football, basketball, and baseball. He knew stats he really shouldn't have known.

Jeff's smile said it all. He didn't know a stranger and was genuinely interested in people and their lives. His friends meant the world to him, and he'd light up when he saw them. He was so much fun to be around.

Jeff was one of the good guys and we will miss him dearly.

The family extends their gratitude to all medical staff and caregivers over the years who kept our Pop/Poppy/Daddio with us far longer than we thought we'd ever have him. We are eternally grateful for you.

The family will receive friends from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Thursday, May 29th at Vincent Funeral Home, 417 11th Street, West Point, Virginia.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the West Point YMCA, P.O. Box 1526, West Point, VA 23181 or Poroporone Baptist Church, P.O. Box 400, Shackleford, VA 23156.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY **29**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Vincent Funeral Home, West Point Chapel
417 11th St
West Point, VA 23181
(804) 843-2550

Tribute Wall

FA

“ Keeping your family in our thoughts and prayers. Jeff brought a special light to this world! Frazier and Brad Armstrong

Frazier Millner Armstrong - May 29, 2025 at 10:38 AM

FC

“ Francis Chandler lit a candle in memory of Robert Jeffries "Jeff" Rilee



Francis Chandler - May 27, 2025 at 12:10 PM

CJ

“ So sorry for your loss



corey jena - May 25, 2025 at 12:42 AM

VB

“ Our thoughts and prayers go out to the entire family. I have known Jeff since high school. I remember playing football against him and his best friend, Josh Lawson. . I also remember seeing him at the Gloucester Health Center. He was a wonderful man who will definitely be missed by all who knew him..
Vic and Sharon Britton

Vic and Sharon Britton - May 23, 2025 at 10:51 AM

DB

“ Rilee Family, I am saddened to hear of Jeffs passing. I was in his sister Betsy’s class at Pleasant Hill and had a “crush” on Jeff even when Diane became a new student(LOL) Jeff & Billy Massey were two of the best looking boys in the entire school!!!! I know he will certainly be missed by so many great friends of his. Many prayers to the entire family. 🙏🙏🙏 Dolores (Willis) Beeler

Dolores Willis Beeler - May 23, 2025 at 09:47 AM

RW

“ Rickie Willis lit a candle in memory of Robert Jeffries "Jeff" Rilee



Rickie Willis - May 23, 2025 at 09:21 AM

RC

“ R.T. Croswell And Donna Croswell lit a candle in memory of Robert Jeffries "Jeff" Rilee



R.T. Croswell and Donna Croswell - May 23, 2025 at 07:48 AM

TW

“ Sorry For Your Loss



Thomas Widgeon - May 23, 2025 at 05:50 AM

TG

“ Tina Gulley lit a candle in memory of Robert Jeffries "Jeff" Rilee



Tina Gulley - May 22, 2025 at 06:17 PM

TG

Prayers for all of Jeff's family and friends. Share sweet memories with one another.

Tina Gulley - May 22, 2025 at 06:18 PM

JB

“ Prayers for a very likeable individual.

Jerry Blanchard - May 22, 2025 at 12:28 PM

WW

“ William And Susan Willis lit a candle in memory of Robert Jeffries "Jeff" Rilee



William and Susan Willis - May 22, 2025 at 12:24 PM

AW

“ Avril & Gerald Williams lit a candle in memory of Robert Jeffries "Jeff" Rilee



Avril & Gerald Williams - May 22, 2025 at 10:16 AM

JW

“ *Jane Wise lit a candle in memory of Robert Jeffries "Jeff" Rilee*



Jane Wise - May 22, 2025 at 10:10 AM

BR

“ *Beverly & Jim Ross lit a candle in memory of Robert Jeffries "Jeff" Rilee*



Beverly & Jim Ross - May 21, 2025 at 10:40 PM

MN

“ *Marie H Norman lit a candle in memory of Robert Jeffries "Jeff" Rilee*



Marie H Norman - May 21, 2025 at 08:17 PM

DF

“ *Donna Fudala sent a virtual gift in memory of Robert Jeffries "Jeff" Rilee*



Donna Fudala - May 21, 2025 at 08:17 PM

JR

“ *John And Vickie Roane lit a candle in memory of Robert Jeffries "Jeff" Rilee*



John and Vickie Roane - May 21, 2025 at 08:00 PM

FS

“ *Faith Silva lit a candle in memory of Robert Jeffries "Jeff" Rilee*



Faith Silva - May 21, 2025 at 07:19 PM



“ *I'm sorry to hear that Jeff is no longer here. He used to stop by when he was passing by and pick up fruits and vegetables. His smile was contagious and his jokes ... He will be missed. A bright light is gone from here but shines brightly in Heaven.*

D - May 21, 2025 at 06:02 PM

KL

Jeff was a friend of my brother's, Jim Rhine, who passed away in March. Prayers for his family 🙏

Kitty Lewis - May 22, 2025 at 10:21 AM

PG

“ *My sincere sympathy to the entire family. I attended high school with Jeff and watched him excel in sports. He was a great athlete, but more importantly, a great and good person. May God hold each of you in His loving arms during your time of loss.*

Patsy Cherko Gwaltney

Patsy C. Gwaltney - May 21, 2025 at 05:42 PM

MH

“ *Margaret Chandler Horsley lit a candle in memory of Robert Jeffries "Jeff" Rilee*



Margaret Chandler Horsley - May 21, 2025 at 05:33 PM

MH

“ *Michael Haden lit a candle in memory of Robert Jeffries "Jeff" Rilee*



Michael Haden - May 21, 2025 at 05:20 PM

GC

“ *Gloria Couch lit a candle in memory of Robert Jeffries "Jeff" Rilee*



Gloria Couch - May 21, 2025 at 04:11 PM

JB

“ *John& Donna Britt lit a candle in memory of Robert Jeffries "Jeff" Rilee*



John& Donna Britt - May 21, 2025 at 03:20 PM

DH

“ *David N Ann Hall lit a candle in memory of Robert Jeffries "Jeff" Rilee*



David n Ann Hall - May 21, 2025 at 02:52 PM

HW

“ *HENRY WARD lit a candle in memory of Robert Jeffries "Jeff" Rilee*



HENRY WARD - May 21, 2025 at 02:10 PM

HW

MY SYMPATHY TO THE FAMILY OF JEFF. I WORKED WITH HIM AT CHESAPEAKE AND HE WAS ALWAYS A JOY TO BE AROUND.

HENRY WARD - May 21, 2025 at 02:15 PM

BD

“ *Billie Dean lit a candle in memory of Robert Jeffries "Jeff" Rilee*



Billie Dean - May 21, 2025 at 01:37 PM

PC

“ *Pamela S Carter lit a candle in memory of Robert Jeffries "Jeff" Rilee*



Pamela S Carter - May 21, 2025 at 01:35 PM



“ *Beverly Edwards lit a candle in memory of Robert Jeffries "Jeff" Rilee*



Beverly Edwards - May 21, 2025 at 11:15 AM

JP

“ *We are so sorry and so sad to hear about Jeff. A lot of wonderful memories of him and his family.
Love and sympathy
Judy & Glenn Palmer*

Judy and Glenn Palmer - May 21, 2025 at 11:10 AM

JW

“ So sorry to hear this news of someone I have known most of my life. I will remember my dad taking him country ham sandwiches to work. May good memories help you all at this time..

Janie wampler - May 21, 2025 at 11:04 AM

BH

“ My sincere condolences to Jeff’s family. I have many memories of him, Diane, my mom and dad. Prayers for you all 🙏❤️

Betsy Hagerty - May 21, 2025 at 10:45 AM

ES

“ My deepest condolences and heartfelt sympathy to all in the Rilee family during this difficult time. You're in my thoughts and prayers.”

Eddie R Sears - May 21, 2025 at 10:42 AM