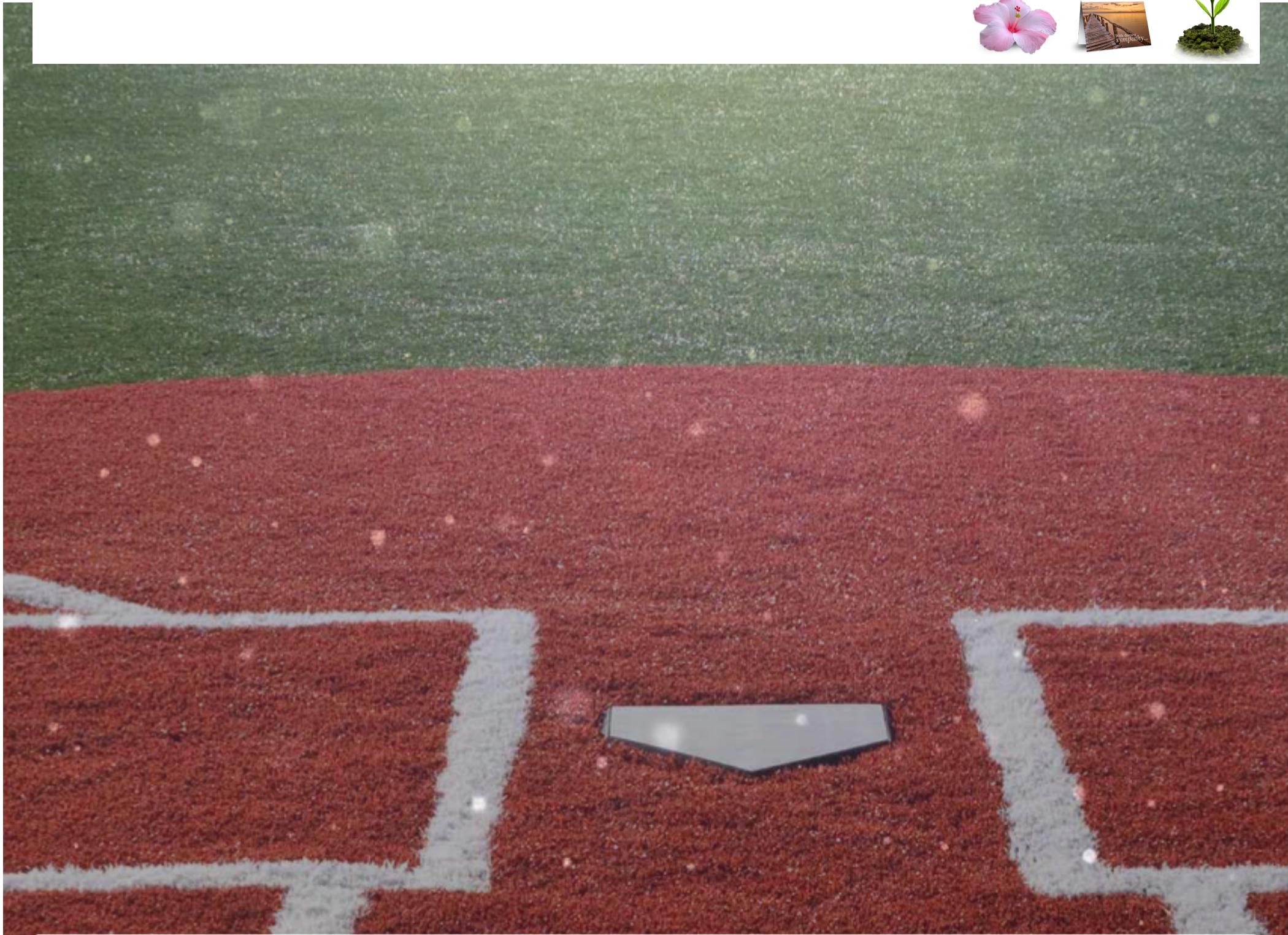




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James "Smokey" Ricardo Veney

July 16, 1955 - September 8, 2023



Obituary

James Ricardo Veney, more commonly known as "Smokey", "Ricky", or "PawPaw", received his reward on September 8, 2023, at Sentara RMH with his loving wife Virginia and family by his side.

Smokey was born on July 16, 1955, in Harrisonburg, VA, the son of the late Charles Edward "Chief" Veney and Evelyn Johnson Veney.

Smokey graduated from Stonewall Jackson High School in 1974, where he played football, basketball, and ran track. Legend has it, this was also where he received the now infamous nickname "Smokey."

On December 2, 1983, he married his beloved wife, Virginia, who survives.

In 2020, Smokey retired from R.R. Donnelly and Sons, with over 35 years of service as a baler operator. Even after retirement, he could not stay away from his friends and co-workers, as he continued to work part time up until recent weeks. He was a regular attendee at Heart of Man Spirit Fire Church of Broadway and had a special place in his heart for the congregation of Brighter Days Bible Church in Mt. Jackson.



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many interests. He will always be their #1 fan.

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Smokey will be remembered as a humble man with a gentle smile. He never met a stranger and it didn't matter where he went, someone was bound to know him.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by three sons, Kevin Rush and wife Kim of Broadway, Josh Veney and wife Missy of Timberville, and J.D. Veney of Broadway; ten grandchildren and seven great grandchildren; four brothers, Ronald Veney and wife Vicki of Luray, Tony "Scratchy" Veney of New Market, Leonard Veney and wife JoLynn of Quicksburg, and Larry "Huggy" Veney of New Market; three sisters; Patsy Brown and husband Larmont of Middletown, Diane Whitley of Harrisonburg, and Charlene Good and husband John of Woodstock; an uncle, Bobby Johnson and wife Judy of Luray; and numerous nieces and nephews.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by five brothers; Jerry, Charles, Richard, Steve, and Bill Veney, and a sister, Elizabeth Frye.

The family will receive friends on Thursday September 14, 2023 from 6-8PM at Grandle Funeral Home in Broadway.

Pastors Larry Rinard and Wayne Long will conduct a service at 2:00 PM on Saturday September 16, 2023 at Cornerstone Church in Broadway, VA to be followed by a graveside service at the Veney Family Cemetery in Luray, VA.

Arrangements are entrusted to Grandle Funeral Home in Broadway



Visitation

📅 Thursday, September 14, 2023
⌚ 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM

Grandle Funeral Home Chapel

📍 148 East Lee Street
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Funeral Service

📅 Saturday, September 16, 2023
⌚ 2:00 PM

Cornerstone Church of Broadway

📍 265 West Springbrook Road
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home from work on 2nd shift when the weather was bad. He was a fixture here at RRD/LSC. He knew everyone and we all knew him. He was always friendly and kind. Just a good man. He is very much missed.

Judy & Dale Dove from TIMBERVILLE, wrote on Sep. 18, 2023

“ We are so sorry for your loss. Prayers being sent up.



Rhonda Orebaugh from New Market VA, wrote on Sep. 17, 2023

“ Dear Virginia and family - We are so saddened by the loss of Smokey. He has left a timeless imprint of kindness and love for his friends. We will always cherish his friendship over the years. May the love of God heal your hearts and give you comfort at this time. Our love to all, Rhonda and Cathy

Lou Moore from Staunton, Va, wrote on Sep. 16, 2023

“ Condolences to the Veney family. I knew them from growing up in New Market and working at RRD for many years. Smokey was a good one as well as all the Venneys are.

Tim Masquelier from W. Columbia SC, wrote on Sep. 16, 2023

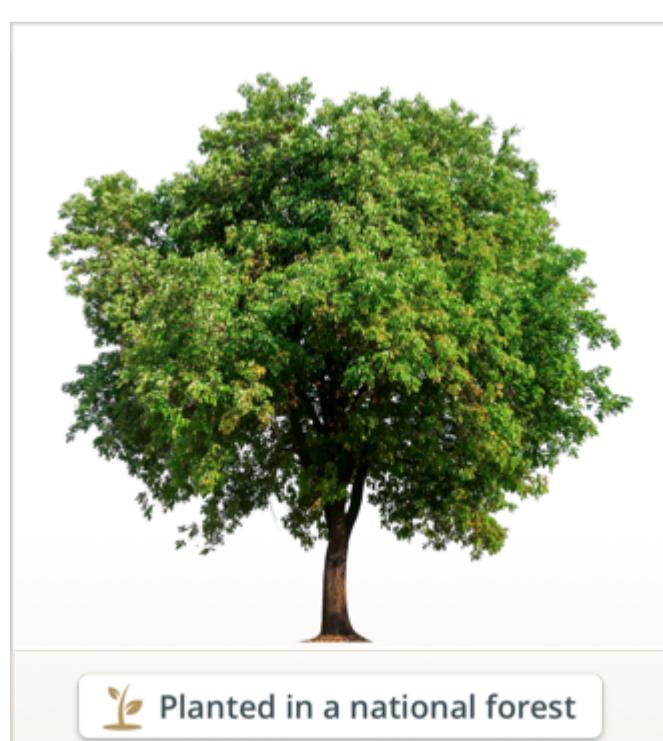
“ Ricky was 1 of my close friends in the late '60's in elementary school in New Market. We moved away in 1970 so I lost track of my school chums. We connected briefly thru facebook a few years ago. Sadly it is at times like this that we are connected again. My sincere condolences to the family.

Tammy Veney Courtney wrote on Sep. 16, 2023

“ In Loving Memory of James "Smokey" Ricardo Veney,

A Sympathy Gift of Single Tree has been Planted In Loving Memory of James "Smokey" Ricardo Veney courtesy of Tammy Veney Courtney.

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always looked forward to seeing him and his wife sitting on the porch when I leave just to see him smile and wave. My heart and condolences goes out to his wife and children. I'm very sorry I didn't make it down to show my respects to his family. Just know you guys are in my thoughts and prayers and I'm very sorry for your loss. Just remember this isn't a goodbye, simply just a "see ya later"

Vicky F Foley from Linville, wrote on Sep. 14, 2023

“ So sorry for you loss . Keeping your family in my thoughts and prayers

Fred & Ramona Neese from New Market, wrote on Sep. 14, 2023

“ Our deepest sympathy to all the family. We always enjoyed our visits, however short, he was just a super friend.



Derdick Johnson from GROTONES, wrote on Sep. 14, 2023

“ Smokey & I worked together for 35 years. We shared lots of Cowboys & Redskins talks over the year. He finally came over & started wearing some blue! You will not find a better man than Smokey! Gonna miss my buddy! Thank you Smokey for your friendship! My condolences & prayers go to the family! RIP Smokey!!!



Jennifer and michael kennedy from Timberville va, wrote on Sep. 14, 2023

“ Sending deepest thoughts and prayers. He will be deeply missed.

Jeff Strickler from Bridgewater Va, wrote on Sep. 14, 2023

“ I worked with Smokey in the baler room at RRD for 7 years. We continued our friendship for 40 years. Smokey was one of the nicest guys that you would ever want to meet. R.I.P my friend. My thoughts and prayers are with the family at this difficult time.

Jackie morris from Elkton va, wrote on Sep. 13, 2023

“ I knew Smokey over 20 years at RR Donnelley. He is the sweetest person ever known. He never knew a stranger was so kind to me and many others. He will be truly missed. Many prayers go out to the family through this very difficult time.

Cynthia Fitzgerald from Grottoes, Va, wrote on Sep. 13, 2023

“ My deepest condolences to Smokey's family. He will be greatly missed. I worked with him at Lakeside and he was a dear friend. It really breaks my heart to hear of his passing. I will miss him a lot.

Ladona Kline from Mt Jackson, wrote on Sep. 12, 2023

“ I had the pleasure of working with Smokey for over 24 years at RR Donnelley, LSC and Lakeside Books. He coached my son in little league football many moons ago. He made the game fun for a kid that didn't want to be on



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Editor of obituary from Richmond VA, wrote on Sep. 12, 2023

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“ Virginia and family I'm so very sorry to hear of the passing of Smokey. He was a true gentlemen through and through. He always put a smile on my face whenever I was around him. Keeping you all in my thoughts and prayers.

Stephanie Stevens from Elkton, wrote on Sep. 12, 2023

“ I had the pleasure of working with Smokey. He was always smiling and willing to chat. He was a rare man for these days. We are all better people for knowing him. He will be greatly missed throughout the community. Prayers for the family during this very difficult time.

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