



## Raymond Lewis Ritchie

December 5, 1946 - May 14, 2026

Frankfort – Raymond Lewis Ritchie, age 79, passed away peacefully on Thursday, May 14, 2026. Services will be held at Harrod Brothers Funeral Home on Thursday, May 21, 2026, at 11:00 a.m. with Rev. Mike Napier and Bro. Dale Parrish officiating. Burial will follow at Frankfort Cemetery. Visitation will be at Harrod Brothers Funeral Home from 5:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. on Wednesday, May 20, 2026.

Lovingly known as “Papaw” to many, Mr. Ritchie was born in Frankfort on December 5, 1946, to the late Oda Ritchie and Elizabeth Manns Ritchie. He retired as superintendent for the Kentucky Finance Cabinet. He loved and enjoyed time spent coaching the youth.

He is survived by his children, Sonja Ritchie (Lisa), Buddy Ritchie (Laketa), and John Martin, Jr. (Ashley); brother, Stanley Ritchie (Linda); sister, Catherine Cloyd; grandchildren, J.T. Riddle (Alex), Ryan Martin (Ashley), Lakenzie Ritchie, and Caroline Martin; great-grandchildren, Kaelee Riddle and Ryleigh Riddle. He was also blessed with several nieces and nephews.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his wife, Mary Faye Markland Ritchie; and seven siblings.

Serving as pallbearers will be Brian Burge, Donald Jones, Cedric Ponds, Steve Wooldridge, Billy Perry, and Rick Stansel.

In lieu of flowers, expressions of sympathy may be made to [WeWannaPlay.org](http://WeWannaPlay.org)

Arrangements are under the direction of Harrod Brothers Funeral Home &

Crematory.

# Cemetery Details

## Frankfort Cemetery

215 East Main Street  
Frankfort, KY 40601  
(502) 227-2403

# Previous Events

## Visitation

**MAY 20.** 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Harrod Brothers Funeral Home  
312 Washington Street  
Frankfort, KY 40601  
(502) 227-4526  
hbfh@harrodbrothers.com  
<https://www.harrodbrothers.com>

## Service

**MAY 21.** 11:00 AM (ET)

Harrod Brothers Funeral Home  
312 Washington Street  
Frankfort, KY 40601  
(502) 227-4526  
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<https://www.harrodbrothers.com>

# Tribute Wall



“ 67 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Harrod Brothers Funeral Home - May 19 at 10:17 AM



“ A sympathy card was purchased for the family of *Raymond Lewis Ritchie*.



May 19 at 10:05 AM

SR

“ Raymond was a wonderful man who meant a great deal to our family. He was always good to me through the years, and my father, Denny Riddle, thought so much of him. Raymond had a kind heart, a steady presence, and a way of making people feel cared for. He was a great mentor to kids, with his love for baseball.



He was also “Papaw” to my son, JT Riddle, and that connection will always be special to our family. We are grateful for the love, kindness, and memories he shared with us. Raymond will be deeply missed and fondly remembered.

With love and respect,  
Shane Riddle and family

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Shane Riddle - May 19 at 09:50 AM

HK

“ Enjoyed talking to Ray while waiting for mom at Dialysis. So very sorry. We will miss seeing Ray.



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hollie knecht - May 18 at 04:42 PM

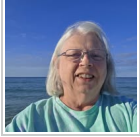
DT

“ Donna True lit a candle in memory of Raymond Lewis Ritchie



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Donna True - May 18 at 04:02 PM



“ *Sonja, so sorry to hear of your dad's passing. Hang tough. Hugs and prayers!* ”

Tammy Johnson - May 18 at 12:05 PM

SL

“ *Please accept my deepest sympathy. JT was a favorite student of mine many years ago. He was such a nice young man.* ”

Sarah Liebman - May 17 at 10:16 AM



“ *I'm incredibly sorry for your loss! Pops was one of the good ones!! Praying for comfort and peace for your family !* ”



Cheri Evins - May 16 at 10:08 AM

DF

“ *We are sorry for your loss, he was a great guy.* ”

debbie fitzgerald - May 16 at 10:01 AM

TS

“ *Tammie Smith lit a candle in memory of Raymond Lewis Ritchie* ”



Tammie smith - May 16 at 08:41 AM

RR

“ He was a wonderful man, softball coach, friend. My parents played softball for him back when they were younger in the field beside CHR building. Then when I got older I played soft against him but he would always help all players who played for him or against him somethings that would help them out . Everyone who knew him loved him and I never seen the man mad about anything. As I hit older I worked with his daughter as she ran the NSA softball. I loved this family so much. He will be missed by so many! Love and Prayer Sonja and Buddy.

Regina Rice - May 15 at 06:03 PM

MG

I knew Raymond from the CHR BLDG. He was awesome to help you any way he could. He had a great sense of humor. I don't think I saw him that he didn't have a smile on his face. He liked to tease too. RIP dear friend

Marilynn Glass - May 15 at 09:56 PM

KT

Mr. Ritchie was a wonderful man. I met him at Memorial. He was just a joy to be around, and I have fond memories of him. I'm praying for all the family in this great loss.

Kimberley Tillett - May 16 at 12:07 PM

DT

OH.. so many wonderful memories with Coach Papaw. He will be missed GREATLY by everyone he came in contact with. We love him so much and our Ritchie Family. WE will miss him dearly. Love to you all.

Donna True - May 18 at 04:02 PM