



## Ervin Sloan Rinker Sr.

November 4, 1927 - October 16, 2012

Ervin Sloan Rinker, Sr., 84, of Front Royal, died Tuesday, October 16, 2012 in Winchester Medical Center.

Mr. Rinker had served in the US Army and worked in security.

Surviving are his wife, Anna Marie Rinker of Front Royal; five daughters, Brigit Fincham of Orlando, FL, Linda Jones of Winchester, Cynthia Rinker of Strasburg, Patricia Fisher of Strasburg and Christy Marino of Marco Island, FL; four sons, Ervin Rinker, Jr. of Winchester, Timothy Rinker of Front Royal, Tommy Rinker of Winchester and David Rinker of Front Royal; seven grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

A funeral service will be Saturday, October 20, 2012 at 2:00 p.m. in Front Royal Church of the Brethren, Front Royal with Pastor Bobby Whetzel officiating.

Burial will be in Culpeper National Cemetery, Culpeper, VA.

Casket bearers will be Eric Rinker, Thomas Rinker, Paul Fisher, Jr., Chuck Jones, Nate Morris and Joey Kerns.

Friends will be received on Saturday from noon until the time of the service at

the church.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Phelps Funeral Service, P.O. Box 3744, Winchester, VA 22604.

Arrangements are by Phelps Funeral & Cremation Service, Winchester.

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# Tribute Wall

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JH

“ deepest sympathy to the Rinker family. I hope your memories bring you comfort. Susie

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**Jennifer Hawkins** - October 22, 2012 at 09:21 AM

LJ

“ I love and miss you so very much Dad but I know that we will be together again. Until then RIP.

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**Linda Jones** - October 19, 2012 at 09:06 PM

CR

“ *Bless your heart.....I continue to pray for you and your family Sweetheart. If you need to talk i'm here for you.*

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**Carol Compton Ray** - October 19, 2012 at 02:03 PM

SH

“ *So sorry Vincent for your loss*

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**Sherry Smith Hays** - October 19, 2012 at 12:19 PM

VR

“ *My dear father, I love you very much and will miss you tremendously! I know you will never be gone but will always live within my heart, spirit and soul each and every day and night until we are reunited in God's heavenly kingdom and paradise. You were a amazing Dad and a inspiration to me in so many ways. I loved all the little things we did together, watching the football games, trying to decide on who would win when we played the forecast. Sometimes just a smile or stare said much more than words could ever say, the depth of love and compassion sometimes is to deep and powerful for words. I think about how beautifully you sang in your final days to our God in heaven, when you were seeing the angels and the beautiful mansions, and the lovely song Amazing Grace being sang so beautifully by you. You had a wonderful voice and heaven will surely be blessed now and the choir of angels will rejoice because of the incredible heart felt voice you have and had when you praised our Lord God above. You will now bring that beautiful voice to God's choir above. Even in your final hours you would sing, so beautiful, so inspiring, and so heart felt. I know now you are in no more pain or suffering, but are full of life, happiness, joy, and love and much stronger than you have ever been here on this earth. Each night I will look to the stars above and the heavens and know you are smiling down on me with your love and care. You will always be in my memory, my thoughts and my heart each and every day until I see you again at God's side coming to take me home. You were a amazing Dad, a very loving husband to my wonderful mother and the best friend anyone could ever ask for! And I promise, one day we will be together again to sit and talk, laugh, smile and just enjoy each other's company in God's kingdom and paradise above! I love you Dad, always and forever!*

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**Vincent Rinker** - October 19, 2012 at 12:19 PM

TR

“ *Thank you Diane. Very much appreciated.*

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**Tim Rinker** - October 18, 2012 at 05:24 PM

DF

“ To all of the Rinker children.... I have known you most of my life. I'm so sorry for your loss. I know that you all knew it was coming and, even though you think you're prepared, there's no easy way to accept it. Take comfort knowing that he's in good hands and at peace. And, Erv, he's probably singing Amazing Grace with the angels now!

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**Diane Fincham** - October 18, 2012 at 09:47 AM

RW

“ Thinking of you, Christy, and praying for your peace.

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**Renee Dibelka Wolf** - October 18, 2012 at 08:08 AM

TH

“ So sorry for your lost--Just try to remember the good times---Wesley and Tena Helsley.

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**Tena Helsley** - October 18, 2012 at 07:51 AM

RM

“ what do you say about going fishing today dad?

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**Ronnie Marino** - October 18, 2012 at 06:51 AM

DL

“ My thoughts & prayers to you & the family.

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**Denise Wilson Luttrell** - October 17, 2012 at 11:20 PM

CK

“ Thank you Sam

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**Crystal Fishel Kerns** - October 17, 2012 at 11:07 PM

SP

“ *I'm so sorry about ur granddad*

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**Samantha Poston** - October 17, 2012 at 11:07 PM

ER

“ *Although you're gone, many tears will continue to be shed as we will forever remember you, not for the pain you went through, but for the love you shared and expressed in your final days with your wife, your kids , your grandkids and those fortunate enough to know you that shared in our sorrow.*

*I will always carry the memory of the night I asked you to sing "Amazing Grace".*

*Not only did you sing it in its entirety, you sang it so clear and beautiful and with such authority and confidence that I felt comfortable knowing then that your Heavenly Angels were waiting for you to come home and join their Heavenly choir..heck , you never even sounded that good in church sitting behind me..lol. You will forever reside in our hearts and until we make the journey home to be with you, keep on singing.*

*Rest now that your journey is over....PRAISE GOD AND THANK YOU FOR BEING MY FATHER.*

*I LOVE YOU.*

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**Erv Rinker** - October 17, 2012 at 10:50 PM

AM

“ *R.I.P grandad, I love you*

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**Alecia Morris** - October 17, 2012 at 10:21 PM

CM

“ *Daddy you will always be my hero and now my angel! I love and miss you so much Daddy!*

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**Christy Marino** - October 17, 2012 at 10:21 PM

SZ

“ To the Rinker Family, My heartfelt condolences go out to each of you. Words can not take away the lost you are feeling right now, but know that I lift you up in prayer and ask our God to wrap his arms around you and give you all comfort. Your dad is at peace and is up singing in the Heavenly Choir just like he was his last days here. I was blessed to know him and spent the time with him. I love you all and I'm here if you need anything.

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**Sandy D'Agostino Zachgo** - October 17, 2012 at 10:21 PM

CR

“ I love you so much Daddy. I will miss you so very much. I know you are out of pain and in Gods loving arms. Yet another angel to be a part of the great kingdom. Even though your physical body was taken from me I know that you will now be watching over all of us from Heaven and help us through our time here on earth until the time we all meet again. Not a day will pass that I will not have you in my thoughts and a tear in my eye. You were the best dad ever and I will miss you so much. RIP to the greatest dad ever. I Love You Daddy.

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**Cynthia Rinker** - October 17, 2012 at 09:50 PM

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“ Love and miss you Daddy. Even though your physical body was taken from me your spirit and love will remain with me forever.

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**Tim Rinker** - October 17, 2012 at 09:21 PM

CK

“ *RIP Grandpa! While your physical presence will be missed greatly, we know that you will continue to watch over us all. Now you are free of pain and "Safe In The Arms of Jesus, just as you sang in your final days! We love you!*

*Love Always,  
Crystal, Joey & Kobe.*

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**Crystal Fishel Kerns** - October 17, 2012 at 08:20 PM