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Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.

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William Ray Aliff

Mar. 29, 1936 - Jul. 14, 2026

CHRISTIANSBURG – Lieutenant Commander William Ray Aliff, United States Navy (Retired), passed away peacefully at his home in Christiansburg, VA, on July 14, 2026, at the age of 90.

He was born on March 29, 1936, in Rocky Gap, VA, to the late Oady

Lafayette Aliff and Esther Concannon Aliff.

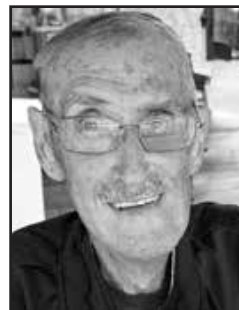
He is survived by his wife Freda Martin Aliff. Funeral services will be held on Wednesday, July 22, 2026, at 12:00 pm, in the McCoy Funeral Home Chapel, Blacksburg, VA.

Donnie Grayson Goins, 81, of Bramwell, WV, passed away on Sunday, July 19, 2026, at WVU Medicine Princeton Community Hospital.

Arrangements will be announced by Cravens-Shires Funeral Home in Bluewell.

Donnie Grayson Goins

Jul. 19, 2026



Cravens-Shires Funeral Home

Cravens-Shires.com

Jacqueline Mary Frances Cecil

Jun. 5, 1925 – Jun. 21, 2026

Jacqueline Mary Frances Anderson Cecil, age 101, of Springfield, OH, formerly of Tazewell, VA, passed away Sunday, June 21, 2026.

She was born June 5, 1925, to the late Bennie Anderson and Cordi Gammon Anderson.

The family will receive friends from 1:00-2:00 PM, Saturday, July 11, 2026, at Peery & St. Clair Funeral Home in Tazewell, VA where funeral services will be held at 2:00 PM with the Reverend Kay Seay officiating. Interment will follow at Maplewood Cemetery in



Tazewell, VA.

Peery & St. Clair Funeral Home in Tazewell, VA, is honored to serve the Cecil family.

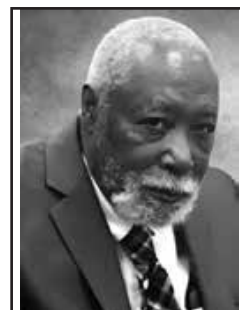
Messages of condolence may be sent to www.peerystclairfuneralhome.com.

James Cook Jr.

Jul. 18, 2026

James Cook, Jr., transitioned from his earthly home to his heavenly home, on Saturday, July 18, 2026.

Services will be held at 12 noon July 31, 2026, at Mt. Olive Missionary Baptist Church in Bluefield.



To view complete obituary visit seaverfuneral.com

Seaver Funeral Home & Cremation Services

SeaverFuneralService.com

Patricia C. Currence

Sep. 13, 1947 – Jul. 19, 2026

Patricia "Pat" C. Currence, beloved mother, sister, aunt, and friend, passed away peacefully, surrounded by love and prayer, on July 19, 2026, in Cincinnati, Ohio. She was born September 13, 1947, in Bluefield, WV.

Pat grew up on her family's farm in Tazewell County, Va., surrounded by cousins and the beauty of rural life. She carried the values of hard work, kindness, and loyalty throughout her life. After high school, she spent a year nannying for her aunt's family in Enterprise, Ala., and treasured memories of visits to Panama City Beach.

A lifelong learner, Pat attended Bluefield State College, Bluefield State College, Enterprise State Community College, and Cincinnati State. She remained curious about the world, followed the news closely, and shared her love of learning and history with her children.

Pat met Michael J. Currence while working as a waitress at Westgate Pharmacy in Bluefield. They married in 1971 and moved to Cincinnati, beginning a loving partnership that lasted more than 42 years.

Pat was a devoted homemaker. She was the family's main cook, though she also loved dining out. Her quiet humor, resilience, generosity, and habit of putting others first touched everyone who



knew her.

She loved jewelry, visiting family in Virginia, and traveling with Mike to historic places in the U.S. Her greatest pride was her family. She was the mother of Melissa Currence and Greyson Michael Currence and cared for many beloved pets over the years.

Left to cherish her memory are her son, Greyson Michael Currence; her daughter, Melissa Currence, and son-in-law, Marc Younkin; her brother, John Carter, and sister-in-law, Deborah Carter; her sister, Sandy East; and her nieces, Heather Carter, Ali Johnson, and Jessica East.

Pat was preceded in death by her husband, Michael J. Currence; her parents, Albert M. Carter and Nora Jean Blevins Carter; her mother-in-law, Elizabeth J. Currence; and her father-in-law, V.L. Currence.

Family and friends are invited to a memorial visitation on August 1, 2026, from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. at Dalbert, Woodruff & Isenogle Funeral Home, 2880 Boudinot Ave., Cincinnati, OH 45238.



Bernard W. Shinault Jr.

Jul. 2, 1942 – Nov. 19, 2025

WYTHEVILLE, VA — Bernard "Bud" Shinault Jr., 83, passed away peacefully on November 19, 2025, with his family by his side.

Born in Bluefield, West Virginia, he was a member of the Bluefield High School Class of 1960.

Bud went on to attend Concord University, where he was a proud member of the 1961 Conference Championship Baseball Team. In 1919, he was inducted into the Concord University Athletics Hall of Fame alongside the other surviving members of his team.

Bud always spoke fondly of his time in college working as a counselor and coach at Camp Skycrest, a kids summer camp in the mountains of Pennsylvania, where he worked alongside several of his Concord baseball teammates.

Bud spent his first two years after college teaching and coaching at Victoria High School in Lunenburg County, VA. While there he coached the 1965 girl's basketball team to a very successful season with an overall record of 11-2.

In 1967 he accepted a teaching and coaching position at Fort Chiswell High School and dedicated 30 years to teaching geography, social studies, driver's ed, and physical education. Bud also coached just about every sport Fort Chiswell High School offered—football, baseball, boys' and girls' basketball, and track. During his final years of teaching and coaching, he even founded the school's golf team. He left a lasting impact not only through his knowledge, but through his

humor and encouragement.

A lifelong WVU Mountaineers fan, Bud stood by his Mountaineers through good times and bad. Mostly bad, Bud would say. He loved golf, good food, classic TV, movies, music, animals, and getting a laugh out of those around him.

Above all, Bud was a proud father to his son, Sam, with whom he shared a close bond. Sam was honored to be one of Bud's caregivers in his final years.

Bud is survived by his loving wife, Rebecca Shinault, and his son, Sam Shinault.

He is preceded in death by his father, Bernard W. Shinault; his mother, Dorothy Fridley Shinault; his sister, Bonnie Shinault; and his loyal hound dog, Huggy.

In keeping with Bud's wishes, please drop by



and join the family for a Celebration of Life at Wytheville Golf Club on Sunday, August 2, 2026 between 2:30pm-5:00pm. At Bud's request, this will be a casual party meant to celebrate his memory and share stories "Country roads, take me home, to the place I belong, West Virginia, mountain mama, take me home, country roads." — John Denver

Sharon Miles Simpson

Aug. 31, 1953 – Jul. 28, 2026



Sharon Miles Simpson, 72, of Bluefield, WV, passed away Tuesday, July 28, 2026 at her home.

Born August 31, 1953 in Bluefield, WV, she was a daughter of the late Frank and Macile Riggs Miles.

Sharon was of the Protestant faith and had retired from manager of WV Bureau of Employment Programs Unemployment Office.

In addition to her parents, Sharon is preceded in death by her sisters, Jacqueline Crumley and Bonnie Conley; brothers, Frankie Miles, Jr. and Willis Miles.

Those left to cherish Sharon's memory are her nieces and nephews, Suzette Crumley of Bluefield, WV, Alicia White of SC, Curtis Conley of AL, Wesley Conley, Jamie Conley, Jeffrey Conley, and Jay Cee Conley, all of Ohio; several great-nieces and nephews; and special friends who could

always be counted on, Jason Jones and Teresa Heaton.

Funeral services will be conducted 2:00 PM Friday, July 31, 2026 at Cravens-Shires Funeral Home, with Eulogist David Watkins officiating. Burial will follow at Woodlawn Memorial Park, where friends and family will serve as pallbearers. The family will receive friends from 1:00 PM until the time of service.

Online condolences may be shared with the family at www.cravens-shires.com.

Cravens-Shires Funeral Home is serving the Simpson family.

Cravens-Shires Funeral Home
 CRAVENS-SHIRE.COM

**Ronnie Lee Phillips**

Nov. 25, 1947 - Jul. 20, 2026

Ronnie Lee Phillips, age 78, of Galax, VA, passed away Monday, July 20, 2026 at his home.

Ronnie was born in Richlands, VA, on November 25, 1947, to Roy Lee and Nannie

Alice Asbury Phillips.

He is survived by his wife Norine Phillips of Galax, VA.

There will be no services held for Ronnie at this time.



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Patricia Ann Hale Taylor

May 22, 1957 – Jul. 5, 2026

Patricia Ann Hale Taylor, age 69, of Bluefield, WV, passed away, early Sunday, on July 5, 2026, at her residence surrounded by her loving family.

Born May 22, 1957, in Bluefield, WV, Patricia was the daughter of the late Howard Hubert Hale and Florene Jesse Howard Hale.

Upon graduating from Bluefield High School, Patricia attended and graduated from Virginia Tech, with both a bachelor's degree and a master's degree in Early Education. She was an active member of the Sigma Kappa Sorority, at Virginia Tech. She was a lifelong educator, teaching locally in the Bluefield area for most of her career. She also taught in Roanoke, VA and at Concord University.

Patricia was a longtime member of Trinity United Methodist Church and later a member of Christ Episcopal Church. She was an active member of the East River Mountain Garden Club and the Trillium Garden Club. She was very proud to be a Master Gardener.

Patricia is survived by her husband of 44 years, Peter Brookins

Taylor, daughters' Ashby Perkins of Wytheville, Virginia Mowery (husband Dr. Nathan Mowery) of Columbus, Ohio; grandchildren Zane Anthony Perkins, Halen Taylor Perkins, Wyatt Hopkins Mowery, Grady Everett Mowery, Brooklyn Maya Mowery, and Payne Nolan Mowery.

Services to celebrate Patricia's life will be held at Christ Episcopal Church, 200 Duhring Street Bluefield, WV, on Thursday July 9, 2026, with Reverend Paul Barker officiating. Family will receive friends from 10:30 am until 11:30 am followed by the funeral service and internment at the church columbarium.

The family requests, in lieu of flowers, memorial contributions be made to the Christ Episcopal Church Food Pantry or the Bluefield Union Mission.

Those wishing to share memories or condolence messages with the family may do so by visiting www.MercerFuneralHome.com

Mercer Funeral Home & Crematory Of Bluefield is assisting the Taylor family with arrangements.

Mercer Funeral Home
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Robert Leroy White

Aug. 1, 1939 – Jul. 13, 2026

Robert Leroy White, of Princeton, went home to be with our Lord on Monday, July 13, 2026.

Born August 1, 1939, he was the son of the late Roy and Lillian White.

He was a member of the Princeton Church of God.

He is survived by the love of his life, and wife for over 65 years, Carole Sue White.

He is also survived by his brother, Danny L. White and wife Margie; brother-in-law, David Shrewsbury and wife Thelma; and numerous nieces and nephews.

A graveside service will be conducted at 2:00 p.m. Friday, July 17, 2026, at the



Resthaven Memorial Park in Princeton with Pastor Randy Clark officiating. Friends and family are asked to meet at the cemetery.

Arrangements by Bailey-Kirk Funeral Home in Princeton.

Online condolences may be shared with the family at www.bailey-kirk.com.

Bailey-Kirk Funeral Home
BAILEY-KIRK.COM

Jean T. "PeeDee" Vance

Jul. 8, 2026

GRAY, Tenn. —Jean T. "PeeDee" Vance, of Gray, TN, died Thursday, July 8, 2026, in Decatur, GA, following a short illness.

Full obituary may be viewed www.memorialfd.com

The Vance family is being served by the Memorial Funeral Directory on Athens



Road in Princeton.

Memorial Funeral Directory
MEMORIALFD.COM

Norma June Matthai

Nov. 24, 1932 – Jun. 21, 2026

NORTH PORT — On Sunday, June 21, 2026, Norma J. Matthai (Reynolds) age 93 yrs old passed away in her home in North Port, FL into the presence of our Lord after a short illness. Beloved wife of the late Edwin Matthai Sr, loving mother of Janie Roth-husband Steve and Eddie Matthai Jr.

In her early yrs Norma served in the U.S. Army as a medic where she met the love of her life, our dad. Norma & Ed lived in Dundalk, Md. for 50 yrs till moving to Florida in 2012.

Surviving in addition to her children are her two Grandchildren Kelly (Roth) Utz-husband Shane of Seffner, FL. & Chad Roth-wife Mirka of North Port, FL. Great Grandchildren Zachary Roth, Amelia Roth, Chase Utz, Colin Utz, Caleb Utz, Colton Utz. They all were so loved



by their Nanny.

Norma is also survived by her brother Bobby Reynolds of Essex, Md, nephew Bobby Jr-wife Debbie. Sister-n-law Lillian Brown-husband Dwight, niece Sherri (Reynolds) Scott-husband Art and nephew James (JJ) Reynolds and many great nieces and nephews.

Norma was preceded by her parents Edward & Sue Reynolds and older brothers Bill & James (Nook) Reynolds from Pocahontas, Va.



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Marvin Thomas Barber Sr.

Oct. 10, 1940 – Jul. 14, 2026

Marvin Thomas Barber Sr., 85, of Glen Daniel, WV, peacefully went to be with the Lord on Tuesday, July 14, 2026, at the Pittsburgh VA Medical Center in Pittsburgh, PA, following a long illness.

Born October 10, 1940, at Kopperston, WV, he was the cherished son of the late Arlie and Mabel Barber.

Marvin was a dedicated U.S. Army veteran, serving a 3-year tour in Vietnam and later completing another 6½ years performing U.S. government contracts in Vietnam.

Returning home, he became a 22-year retired coal miner from Maple Meadows Mining Company and an Assistant Coach (football, boys basketball, and track) at Liberty Raleigh High School.

Known for his vibrant spirit, he was a huge WVU fan, the oldest member of his local weekly VA veteran meetings, a Master

Mason at the Big Spring, Texas Lodge, and an active member of both Coal Marsh Missionary Baptist Church in Glen Daniel, WV and Chestnut Ridge Community Church in Morgantown, WV.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Arlie and Mabel Barber; sisters, Ella Mae Carter, Mary Richardson, and Nancy Day; brothers, Jimmy Griffith and Bill Barber; brothers-in-law, Lam "Tony" Vo, Hai Vo, Frank Barthold, Eddie Richardson, Frank Day, and Russell Carter; and sisters-in-law, Mary Barber and Tamiko Griffith.

Marvin leaves behind his loving wife of 59 years, Kim Barber of Glen Daniel, WV. He is also survived by his three sons, Marvin "Tom/Tommy" Barber Jr. and wife Bobbi of Independence, WV, Gary Barber and wife Maria of Fairfax Station, VA, and Patrick Barber and wife Melissa

of Middletown, MD; seven wonderful grandchildren, Emma Barber, Dylan Barber, Gabriel Barber, Liz Hershberger, Emily Hershberger, Rhys Barber, and Delaney Barber; four sisters, Daisy Bryson and husband Rick of Fairdale, WV, Sheila Hurst and husband Randy of Fairdale, WV, Sadie Barthold of Fairdale, WV, and Charlotte Scott and husband Ken of Oak Hill, WV; and one brother, Doug Barber of Orlando, FL.

The service will be held on Saturday, July 25, 2026, at Blue Ridge Funeral Home Chapel. Family viewing begins at 11:00 AM, and friends may join at 12:00 PM, with Pastor Kevin Kuhn and Deacon Mike Fury officiating.

Following the service, the Wyoming County Veterans Honor Guard will perform the Military Burial at The Blue Ridge Memorial Gardens. Beckley Masonic Lodge No. 95



will also provide a graveside service with interment.

Family members will serve as pallbearers.

Family and friends may also view the service online via Facebook Live.

In lieu of flowers, please donate to the Fisher House in Pittsburgh, PA, via the direct link:

<https://connect.fisherhouse.org/campaigns/Marvin-T-Barber-Sr->

Arrangements by Blue Ridge Funeral Home Chapel & Memorial Gardens in Beckley, WV.

David Patrick Boblett

Jul. 6, 2026

David Patrick Boblett, age 77, of Stanaford, WV, passed away Monday, July 6, 2026.

Visit www.roseandq

www.roseandq uesenberry.net for service details.

Arrangements are by Rose and Quesenberry Funeral Home, Beckley, WV.

Rose & Quesenberry Funeral Home
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William Richmond Jr.

Jul. 6, 2026

William Richmond, Jr., age 82, of Beckley, WV, passed away Monday, July 6, 2026.

Visit www.roseandq uesenberry.net for service details.

Arrangements are

by Rose and Quesenberry Funeral Home, Beckley, WV.

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Elizabeth Alice Allen

Jun. 28, 2026

Elizabeth Alice Allen, age 83, of Daniels, WV, passed away on Sunday, June 28, 2026.

Visit www.roseandq

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Arrangements are by Rose and Quesenberry Funeral Home, Beckley, WV.

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Stephen Michael Backes

Jun. 29, 2026

Stephen Michael Backes, age 75, of Beckley, WV, passed away Monday, June 29, 2026.

Visit www.roseandq uesenberry.net for service details.

Arrangements are

by Rose and Quesenberry Funeral Home, Beckley, WV.

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Melissa Miriam Bell

Jul. 13, 2026

Melissa Miriam Bell, age 59, of Beckley, WV, passed away on Monday, July 13, 2026.

Visit www.roseandq uesenberry.net for service details.

Arrangements are

by Rose and Quesenberry Funeral Home, Beckley, WV.

Rose & Quesenberry Funeral Home
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Ruth Bragg

Jul. 8, 2026

Ruth Bragg, age 79, of Irish Mountain, WV, passed away Wednesday, July 8, 2026.

Visit www.roseandq uesenberry.net for service details.

Arrangements are

by Rose and Quesenberry Funeral Home, Shady Spring, WV.

Rose & Quesenberry Funeral Home
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Naaman Brown

Jul. 23, 2026

Naaman Brown, age 77, of Daniels, WV, passed away Thursday, July 23, 2026.

Visit www.roseandq uesenberry.net for service details.

Arrangements are

by Rose and Quesenberry Funeral Home, Beckley, WV.

Rose & Quesenberry Funeral Home
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Judith Cales Biggs

Nov. 3, 1941 – Jul. 14, 2026

Charlotte, NC — Judith Cales Biggs, 84, of Charlotte, NC, entered her eternal rest on July 14, 2026.

Per her wishes, no services will be held.

Arrangements are entrusted to McEwen Funeral Service-Mint Hill Chapel.

To read Judith's complete obituary, share memories, or leave online condolences, please visit the



McEwen Funeral Service-Mint Hill, NC Chapel website.

John Michael Browning

Jul. 4, 2026

John Michael Browning, age 70, of Beckley, WV, passed away Saturday, July 4, 2026.

Visit www.roseandquesenberry.net for service details.

Arrangements are by Rose and Quesenberry Funeral Home, Beckley, WV.

Rose & Quesenberry Funeral Home

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Arnold Campbell

Jul. 6, 2026

Arnold Campbell, age 71, of Beckley, WV, passed away Monday, July 6, 2026.

Visit www.roseandquesenberry.net for service details.

Arrangements are by Rose and Quesenberry Funeral Home, Beckley, WV.

Rose & Quesenberry Funeral Home

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Geneva Lois Hollandsworth Clyburn

Jul. 8, 2026

Geneva Lois Hollandsworth Clyburn, went from grace to glory on July 8, 2026.

Visit www.roseandquesenberry.net for service details.

Arrangements are by Rose and Quesenberry Funeral Home, Beckley, WV.

Rose & Quesenberry Funeral Home

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Robert Freeman

Jul. 24, 2026

Robert Freeman, age 88, of Beaver, WV, passed away Friday, July 24, 2026.

Visit www.roseandquesenberry.net for service details.

Arrangements are by Rose and Quesenberry Funeral Home, Beckley, WV.

Rose & Quesenberry Funeral Home

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Frances Lou Jones

Jul. 15, 2026

Frances Lou Jones, age 59, of Fayetteville, WV, passed away on Wednesday, July 15, 2026.

Visit www.roseandquesenberry.net for service details.

Arrangements are by Rose and Quesenberry Funeral Home, Beckley, WV.

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Mary Sue Coley

Jul. 14, 1956 – Jun. 20, 2026

One of God's precious daughters, Mary Sue Coley, has passed from this life into the loving arms of Jesus her Savior.

Mary Sue was born in Lester, WV, to Henry Aden McKinney and Eliza J. McKinney. She was their only girl and was raised with her four brothers—Bill, Erland, Kevin, and Keith.

At a young age, she accepted Jesus as her Savior at Lester Baptist Church and was disciplined by the ladies of the church. One of her favorite hymns was "How Great Thou Art."

After graduation from Trap Hill High School, she went to Piedmont Bible College, located in Winston-Salem, NC.

She first met her husband Patrick (Pat) at Appalachian Bible College, when she wrote him a parking ticket, which he tried to talk her out of unsuccessfully. They were married in December of 1983. At her passing, they had been married for 42 years. They had two sons, Jonathan and Caleb.

Mary Sue loved children, and they loved her. She was a kindergarten teacher for twenty years at Greater Beckley Christian School, where she taught numerous children to read and shared Jesus with them. She loved seeing her students grow and succeed in life. Later in her career, she taught at Mount Tabor Christian



School.

Along with teaching professionally, she taught children at her church, Faith Baptist in Prosperity, WV, where she served faithfully for over forty years. She served in many children's ministries - AWANA, Sunday School, children's church, and VBS. She was also involved in missions and would join with the children in wearing costumes for the Parade of Nations at the mission conferences.

Mary Sue was a loving wife and mother. She was a loyal friend, always willing to lend a hand to whoever needed her help. She lived a life rooted in faith, family, loyalty, kindness, and love. She will be missed.

She is preceded in death by her parents, her brother Erland, and her stillborn son Caleb, whom she frequently mentioned that she was looking forward to seeing again one day.

There will be a memorial to celebrate her life at 11am on Saturday, July 25, at Faith Baptist in Prosperity, WV.

Dennis Thacker

Feb. 7, 1948 – Jul. 24, 2026

SHADY SPRING — Dennis "Joe" Thacker, 78, passed away Friday, July 24, 2026. Arrange-

ments are by Blue Ridge Funeral Home, Beckley, WV.

Shirley Ann Hawley

Mar. 23, 1942 – Jul. 15, 2026

Shirley Hawley, 84, of Beckley, passed away on July 15, 2026, surrounded by her family, after a brief illness.

Shirley was born March 23, 1942, in Beckley, WV, to George and Stella Lively.

She graduated from Woodrow Wilson High School in 1960. Immediately following, she attended St. Joseph's School of Nursing in 1961. She worked as a surgical tech at Beckley Hospital and Raleigh General Hospital, and later worked in hospitality at the Raleigh County Armory for over 25 years.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her brothers Jimmy, Beaulis, George Jr., Eugene, and Elmont; her sister Wanda; and her loving husband of 56 years, James "Frank" Hawley.

She is survived by her children Brian Hawley (Laura), Angela Hill (Stuart), and Karen Bradford (Kevin). Shirley was affectionately known as "Grammie" by her grandchildren, Briana Karl



(Holden), Sarah Harris (Anaya), Chris Bohner, Brandon Bradford (Elizabeth), Kandice Bradford (Tyler), Noah Hill, and Allison Hill; her great-grandchildren, Juniper Macy, Isla Harris, Kohen and Kennedy Bradford, and Anderson and Averie Hatfield; her brother Daniel Lively; as well as several nieces and nephews.

A memorial service will be held on Friday, July 24, 2026, at Blue Ridge Funeral Home in Beckley, WV, at 12:00 PM with Pastor Doc Adkins officiating. Burial will follow at Blue Ridge Memorial Gardens in Beckley, WV. Friends may visit with the family prior to the service from 11:00 AM to 12:00 PM.

Roger James

Mr. Roger James, 63, of Beckley.

Funeral will be noon on Friday, July 24, 2026, at Manna House Ministries, 700 "F" Street, Beckley, with Bishop Herman Bryant and Bishop Fred T. Simms officiating. Entombment will be at Blue Ridge Cemetery.



Arrangements by Durgan Funeral Home.

Durgan Funeral Home

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Charlene Burks Cooper

Jan. 11, 1951 – Jul. 22, 2026

Charlene Burks Cooper, of Hinton, WV, age 75, died Wednesday, July 22, 2026, at The Villages of Greystone in Beaver, WV.

Charlene was born in McDowell County, WV on January 11, 1951.

She graduated from Welch High School in 1968 and Concord College in 1971. She received her master's degree from the WV College of Graduate Studies in 1981. Charlene taught in Summers County schools from 1971 until she retired in 2006.

Charlene was preceded in death by her husband Jerry L. Cooper in 1992; her parents, Robert and Nola Whittaker; her in-laws, Joe and Ethel Cooper; and a nephew, Jason Whittaker.

Charlene was a longtime member of the First Baptist Church of

Hinton, where she served in various roles and was a member of the Emmaus Sunday School class. She was a past member of several educational and local service organizations. She was a lifetime member of the Summers County Retired School Employees.

Though Charlene was typically perceived as serious-minded, those who knew her well appreciated her great sense of humor. She consistently embraced and supported the academic, athletic, musical, and professional endeavors of her children and grandchildren.

Charlene's faith, tenacity, and resilience allowed her to overcome life-threatening illnesses in 2022 and return to her home until recently. She will be remembered as a driven, pragmatic, intelligent, and stead-

fast woman of faith.

Charlene is survived by two children: a daughter, Dr. Cheryl Cooper Smith (Kenneth) of Lebanon, PA, and a son, Brian J. Cooper of Hinton; two grandchildren, Natalie Smith and Aidan Smith of Lebanon, PA; three brothers, Robert Whittaker (Arlene) of Peterstown, WV, Roger Whittaker (Audrey) of Princeton, WV, and Randall Whittaker (Michelle) of Welch, WV; two nephews, Clinton Whittaker (Brittney) of Pearisburg, VA and Aaron Whittaker (Elisa) of Tucson, AZ; two nieces, Jessica Whittaker of Lashmeet, WV and Nikki Whittaker of Utah. She is also survived by a very special long-time friend, Linda Tickle, of South Charleston, WV.

Memorial services will be held at 5 p.m. on



Saturday, July 25, 2026 at Pivont Funeral Home Chapel in Hinton, WV, with Pastor Roy Lee "Butch" Honaker officiating. Friends may visit with the family from 3 p.m. until time of the service.

In keeping with Charlene's wishes, she will be cremated. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in memory of Charlene to the Hinton Area Foundation fund of your choice at godonate.akoyago.com/hintonareafoundation.

Courtney Marie Whitt

May 5, 1979 – Jul. 13, 2026

BIRMINGHAM — Courtney Marie Whitt, affectionately known as "Buppie" by her family, passed away on July 13, 2026, at the age of 47.

A graduate of Shady Spring High School, Courtney continued her education at Beckley College, where she studied social work. She had a creative spirit and found joy in the arts, especially cooking and drawing. Whether creating something with her hands or sharing a meal with those she loved, Courtney expressed herself through kindness and creativity.

Above all, Courtney loved her family. They were always close to her heart, and the love she had for her children, grandchildren, and those closest to her was immeasurable. She will be remembered for the special bond she shared with her family and the memories they will forever cherish.

Courtney is survived by her father, Jerry Whitt, and Susan Weaver; her daughter, Kenley Garrison, and son, Brenton Maroney; her partner, Chris Maroney; her brother, Jerry Whitt Jr.



(Angela); her sister, Kati Deason (David); her uncle, Richard Whitt; her beloved grandchildren, Nolan and Kimmy; and her nephews, along with her uncles and many other extended family members and friends who will miss her dearly.

She was preceded in death by her mother, Beverly Whitt; her aunt, Marilyn Wade; and her grandmother, Tennie Whitt.

In accordance with Courtney's wishes, no services are scheduled at this time.

The family asks that you keep Courtney's children, Kenley and Brenton, in your thoughts and prayers during this difficult time. Your love, support, and kindness are deeply appreciated.

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Catherine Lewis

Jun. 28, 2026

Catherine Lewis, age 70, of Beaver, WV, passed away peacefully on Sunday, June 28, 2026.

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Arrangements are by Rose and Quesenberry Funeral Home, Beckley, WV.

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Barbara Dew Mackey

Jul. 13, 2026

Barbara Dew Mackey, 88, of Beckley, West Virginia, went home to be with the Lord on July 13, 2026.

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Mary Morrison

Jul. 4, 2026

Mary Morrison, age 67, of Beckley, WV, passed away Saturday, July 4, 2026.

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Arrangements are by Rose and Quesenberry Funeral Home, Beckley, WV.

Ruby Esther Meadows

Jul. 7, 2026

Ruby Esther Meadows, age 95, of Pluto Road, Shady Spring, WV, passed away Tuesday, July 7, 2026.

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Arrangements are by Rose and Quesenberry Funeral Home, Shady Spring, WV.

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Susanne "Sue" Florence Mehta

Jul. 12, 2026

Susanne "Sue" Florence Mehta, 79, of Beckley, West Virginia, passed away on Sunday, July 12, 2026.

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Helen Delores Moyer

Jul. 1, 2026

Helen Delores Moyer, age 89, of Beckley, WV, passed away on Wednesday, July 1, 2026.

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Arrangements are by Rose and Quesenberry Funeral Home, Beckley, WV.

Christine Bernice Lusk

Nov. 24, 1938 – Jul. 6, 2026

BECKLEY — Our beloved mother, nana, and friend Christine Bernice Lusk went home to be with Jesus on July 6, 2026, at the age of 87 peacefully at home surrounded by family and loved ones.

Born on November 24, 1938, on Epperly Hill, Raleigh County WV.

She was the daughter of late Woodrow Cooper and Garnett Sisk. She was blessed with a large and loving family whom she loved with her whole heart, and loved spending time with.

She was of Christian faith, saved at a very young age, was a long-time member of Sophia Church of God, and found peace reading her Bible daily. She is survived by five daughters and two sons: Debra, Marilyn, Donna (Kippy), Margaret (Big Kenny), John (Nancy), Linda (Darrell), Randall (Jeanie), 79 Grandchildren, Great Grandchildren and one brother.

She was preceded in death by her loving husband Toy Lusk, daughter Sonia Lively, special grandson Kenneth Kuhn and six siblings.

She would want the world to know that she loved spending time with her girls- Randi, Taylor, and Alexis. As well as her daughter in-law Jeanie whom she



lived with for more than 20 years.

Family, loved ones, and friends whose lives she touched are invited to join us as we celebrate her being in the presence of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ at Blue Ridge Funeral Home, Beckley, WV on Tuesday July 14, 2026, at 1:00pm. Burial to follow at Sunset Memorial on Harper Road, Beckley, WV.

Family would also like to thank Dr. Kabarra, Dr. Pitsenbarger, and staff at Hospice Home Side for their special care provided.

A very special thanks to her daughters Margaret and Linda and granddaughters Christy and Alexis who provided constant care for her during her final days.

"We are confident, I say, and willing rather to be absent from the body and be present with the Lord."

2 Corinthians 5:8

Frank C. "Butch" Poindexter Jr.

Mr. Frank C. "Butch" Poindexter Jr., 73, will have his services 1 pm on Friday, July 17, 2026, at Heart of God Ministry, with visitation at 12 Noon. Dr. Fred T. Simms will officiate.

Arrangements Entrusted to Durgan Funeral Home.



Steven Dewayne Morgan

Jul. 10, 1952 – Jun. 29, 2026

Steven Dewayne Morgan, 73 of Reidsville, NC, passed away Monday, June 29, 2026 at Ancora Compassionate Care's Gibson House.

A funeral service will be held at 11am on Saturday, July 11, 2026 at First Baptist Church in Eden. Burial will follow at Lakeview Memorial Park in Greensboro. Visitation will be held on Friday, July 10, 2026 from 4-6pm at Fair Funeral Home.

Steven was born July 10, 1952, in Oceana, WV, to the late Oscar Morgan and Virginia Aliff Morgan. Steven spent many years in coal mining. He worked as a delivery driver until his retirement. Steven loved his pickup truck. He enjoyed gospel and bluegrass music. Steven also enjoyed coin collecting. He loved to travel, having visited his favorite places, Thailand, Europe, Germany, and Alaska several times. He also loved his cruises and going to the mountains,



especially the West Virginia mountains. Steven made friends everywhere he went, never meeting a stranger.

Surviving are his loving wife, Emily Griffin Morgan; brother, Brian Morgan; sister, Jeanine Morgan; best friends, Phil Ratliff and Steve Bailey; several nieces and nephews.

In addition to his parents, Steven is preceded in death by his sister, Linda Darlene Morgan, and his trusted sidekick, Sampson; special friend, Tommy Rowe.

Online condolences may be left for the family at www.fairfuneralhome.com.

Yvette Marlene Pasley

Nov. 28, 1965 – Jul. 3, 2026

Our beloved Yvette Marlene Pasley (60), of Marietta, GA, peacefully passed away, July 3rd, 2026.

She was a loving wife, devoted mother, adored daughter, amazing sister, and phenomenal friend.

Celebration of life will be held from 1:00 PM to 3:30 PM on Saturday, July 11, 2026, at SouthCare Cremation



and Funeral Services, 595 Franklin Road SE.

Harvey Clifford Tipton

Apr. 8, 1936 – Jul. 1, 2026

Harvey (Tip) Clifford Tipton of Sophia, WV, went home to be with our Lord and Savior on July 1, 2026 at the Bowers Hospice House in Prosperity, WV surrounded by the love of his family. He was 90 years old. Born on April 8, 1936, He was the son of the late Homer and Thelma (Von) Tipton.

He was a 1954 graduate of Mark Twain High School. Harvey spent many years working in the coal mining industry before later becoming an electrician, a career from which he eventually retired. He was known for his strong work ethic, dependability and devotion to his family.

He found great joy in the simple pleasures of life. An avid fisherman, He treasured countless hours on the water. He also loved tending his garden and took pride in watching it flourish each season. A devoted fan of West Virginia University athletics. He enthusiastically cheered on every Mountaineer team. In his later years, some of his happiest moments were spent listening to music and sharing precious time with his beloved grandson, Brandon.

He leaves behind to cherish his memory, his wife of 70 years, Norma Jean Tipton; his son,



Bobby Tipton and wife Lisa; His daughter, Robin Smith and husband Bill; his grandchildren, Eric Tipton and wife, Danielle, and Brandon Smith; his great-granddaughters, Madelynn and Myla; along with nieces, nephews, extended family members, and dear friends who became like family over the years. In addition to his parents, Harvey was preceded in death by his brother, Michael (Mickey) Tipton and his sister, Patsy Keith.

A special Thank you to the Bowers Hospice house.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the St Jude Hospital.

Funeral Services will be on Friday, July 10th, 2026, at 1PM at Blue Ridge Funeral Home. The family will receive visitors one hour prior. Harvey will be entombed at Blue Ridge Memorial Gardens following the service.

Jerome R. "Jerry" Kirk Sr.

Jun. 4, 2026

Jerome R. "Jerry" Kirk Sr., age 82, of Hinton, WV, died June 4, 2026.

A memorial service will be held 2:00 PM

Saturday, June 27, 2026 at First Baptist Church in Hinton, WV.

Arrangements by Rose and Quesenberry, Beckley, WV.

Sharon Tolbert

Nov. 8, 1968 – Jul. 26, 2026

NEW BERN — Mrs. Sharon Katherine Weeks Tolbert, age 57, a resident of New Bern, NC died Sunday July 26, 2026, at ECU Health Medical Center in Greenville.

A Funeral Mass will be held at 11:00 AM Thursday July 30, 2026, at Mother of Mercy Catholic Church in Washington, officiated by Father Eric Reyes. A burial will follow in Oakdale Cemetery. James Tolbert, Russell Weeks III, Jerry Helton, Jr., Jonas Helton, Ignacio "Nacho" Perez, and Tom Joyce will serve as pallbearers.

The family will receive friends following the graveside portion of the service at Mother of Mercy Church Parish Hall.

Sharon was born in St. Georges County, MD on November 8, 1968, daughter of the late WV Senator Russell Edgar Weeks, Jr. and Helen Catherine Peterson Weeks who survives. She was a 1987 graduate of Woodrow Wilson High School. She continued her education and received her registered nursing degree from Bluefield State University in 2008. With her degree, she worked as the charge nurse in the cardiac cath lab at Raleigh General Hospital in Beckley, WV. On August 21,

2002, she married James Michael Tolbert who survives. Sharon was a simple, yet sophisticated, lady who loved gardening and horses, but her greatest love was for the care and raising of chickens. She was a member of Mother of Mercy Catholic Church.

Surviving in the home is her husband James and her mother Helen. Also of New Bern is her brother: Russell Edgar Weeks III and his wife Kelly Jean Weeks. Her surviving nieces are Magdalene Weeks, Sara Weeks, Jenna Weeks, and Jamie Helton of Beckley, WV. A single nephew: Jonas Helton, also of Beckley, survives. Sherrie and James also loved three "fur babies:" Wilson, Timothy, and Lizbeth.

In lieu of flowers, the family kindly asks for memorial contributions to be made to Craven-Pamlico County Animal Services Center, 1639 Old Airport Road, New Bern, NC 28562.

Online condolences may be directed to the family by visiting www.paulfuneralhome.com

Paul Funeral Home & Crematory in Washington is honored to serve Sharon's family.

Charles Webb

Jul. 2, 2026

Charles Webb, age 89, of Beaver, WV, passed away Thursday, July 2, 2026.

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vice details.

Arrangements are by Rose and Quesenberry Funeral Home, Shady Spring, WV.

Joseph Dean Webb

Jul. 7, 2026

Joseph Dean Webb, age 50, of Beckley, WV, passed away on Tuesday, July 7, 2026.

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Phyllis Welch

Jul. 3, 2026

Phyllis Welch, age 82, of Statesville, NC, formerly of Shady Spring, WV, passed away Friday, July 3, 2026.

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Jackie Ray Grimes

Nov. 15, 1948 – Jun. 27, 2026

Jack Grimes of Palm Coast, Florida, a former resident of Beckley, WV, passed away on June 27, 2026, from an extended illness.

Mr. Grimes was the previous owner of Envirspec Inspection Service, Plaza 30 Minute Photo, and Jack's Barbershop. Jack was a member of Beckley #95 A.F. & A.M. Masonic Lodge.

Jack was preceded in death by his mother, Melba Grimes

He will be greatly missed and forever remembered by survivors who include his wife of 40 years, Carolyn Wood Grimes, daughter Denise Ward and husband Larry



Ward of Riverview Florida, and granddaughter Katherine Ward Blust (Caden), a graduate of the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, and grandson Gavin Ward a cadet at the U.S. Air Force Academy in Colorado.

In accordance with Mr. Grimes wishes, cremation will take place.

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Ivan Leroy Austin

Ivan Leroy Austin, 87, of Fairmont, West Virginia, passed away on Tuesday, July 14, 2026, at Harmony of Morgantown Assisted Living. He was born in Hut-

 tonsville, West Virginia, on December 13, 1938, a son of the late Francis and Edna (Channel) Austin.

Ivan graduated from Grafton High School and went on to proudly serve his country in the United States Army. He later worked as a factory worker for North American Phillips. A man of faith, Ivan was a member of Bible Baptist Temple in Stonewood.

Left to cherish his memory are two brothers, William (Susie) Austin and Jim Austin; and one sister, Ruby Cline.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his loving wife, Delores Jean (Hayhurst) Austin; one sister, Dorothy Hostler; and one sister-in-law, Joan Austin.

Family and friends will be received at the Carpenter and Ford Funeral Home, 209 Merchant Street, Fairmont, West Virginia, on Wednesday, July 22, 2026, from 10:00 am until 12:00 pm. A service will be held on Wednesday, July 22, 2026, at 12:00 pm with Pastor Charles Madaus presiding. Interment will follow at the Mt. Zion Cemetery. Full military rites will be conducted by the Marion County Honor Guard and the United States Army.

Expressions of sympathy can be extended to the family at www.carpenterandford.com

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Ellen Kay Bartlett

Ellen Kay Bartlett, 87, passed away on Monday, June 22, 2026 at the Conchettas Home Care Suites in Fairmont. She was born November 28, 1938 in Fairview, WV a daughter of the late Ray and Mabel Broadwater Tuttle.



Ellen Kay Bartlett will be deeply missed and lovingly remembered by her family. She was a strong-willed yet deeply nurturing woman who dedicated her life to caring for those she loved most. Ellen found her greatest joy in being surrounded by her family, especially her grandchildren, who were truly the highlight of her days. She eagerly awaited their visits and cherished every moment spent together.

Ellen lived her entire life in West Virginia, where she built a home filled with warmth, comfort, and love. Her home and yard were her pride and joy, and a reflection of the care she poured into everything she did. She could often be found sitting on her front porch swing in the evenings, enjoying the quiet beauty around her, or swimming in her backyard pool during the summer months. She even took pride in mowing her own lawn, always keeping her space just the way she liked it. Ellen worked outside the home, having worked with Westinghouse Lighting, Hills Department Store, and Warehouse Grocery through her career.

She had a passion for the simple joys of life. Ellen was an avid reader and a devoted gardener who especially loved tending to her vegetable garden. She took great pride in preserving her harvest, making her own canned vegetables, strawberry jam, and raspberry

jelly—favorites among her family. In the kitchen, she was known for her delicious baking, especially her pies, cakes, cookies, and her beloved nut rolls, which brought comfort and joy to those lucky enough to share them.

Ellen's days often began with a simple, comforting routine of coffee and cookies in the morning. She had a way of making even the smallest moments feel special. She also had a phrase she shared often with those she loved: "I love you a bushel and a peck," a reflection of her endless affection and warmth.

She was a devoted mother to her children, Kathy Bartlett, Douglas Bartlett (Donna), and Cynthia (Bartlett) Bly, and a proud grandmother to Skylar, Keegan, Kimberly, Bret, Abigail, and Samuel, as well as a great-grandmother to Bentley and George. She was preceded in death by her husband, Murray Brooks, and her beloved dog, Buster.

Ellen created a lifetime of cherished memories with her family, from everyday moments at home to special times like swimming in the ocean and collecting seashells along the beach with her grandchildren, memories that will be treasured forever.

The family has entrusted the arrangements to Ford Funeral Home, 201 Columbia Street, Fairmont, WV. In accordance with her wishes, cremation services will take place. Family and friends may visit the funeral home on Saturday, July 11, 2026 from 10AM until 12noon. A memorial service will be held in the funeral home at 12 noon with Reverend Jim Zinn officiating. Interment will take place privately at Grandview Memorial Gardens in Fairmont. Online condolences may be made to www.fordfuneralhomes.com

Julia Ann Cinalli

Julia Ann Cinalli, lifelong resident of Fairmont, died peacefully on July 3, 2026 in Morgantown, WV.

Mrs. Cinalli was born on March 21, 1923 to Alphonse and Minnie (Feltz) Carlone, the fifth of six children. She married Attelio Cinalli and together they had three children. She was, foremost, a loving mother, as well as, a gifted seamstress, cook and baker. She was employed by the Frances Dress Shop and the Owens-Illinois Glass Plant from which she retired. In her retirement years, she managed to food service at the Knights of Columbus Hall.



She was preceded in death by her parents and her siblings

Margaret Howes, Anthony Carlone, Theresa Parker, and Carmen Carlone.

Survivors include her brother Richard Carlone and her adult children Mary Ann Reed (Tom), James (Cheri) Cinalli and Daniel (Betty) Cinalli. Her grandchildren include Brian Reed (Kristen), Leslie Humprey (Paul), Brad Reed, Andrea Joseph (Michael), James Cinalli II (Mary), Michael Cinalli (Rayann), Matthew Cinalli (Tiauna), and Natalie Ringer (Nick). She is also survived by thirteen great-grandchildren and numerous nephews and nieces.

At her request, her body was given to West Virginia University Medical Center for research.

Donations in her memory may be made to St. Jude Hospital.

Roy Barron Leonard

Roy Barron Leonard, 74, of Morgantown, WV, passed away on Tuesday July 21, 2026, at WVU Medicine JW Ruby Memorial Hospital. He was born in Fairmont, WV on February 22, 1952, the son of the late Wallace F and Josephine Marie (Cavallo) Leonard.



Roy was a graduate of Fairmont Senior High School and attended Fairmont State College. He proudly served his country in the United States Army. Roy retired from Carpet One after 30 years of service. In his free time, he enjoyed gardening, bowling and singing. Roy was a member of his high school choir and later sang with an adult choir. He most cherished his time with his family and

friends.

Left to cherish his memory are his daughter Sydni Broadwater and her fiancé Morgan Peterson; sister Madonna Leonard; and several nieces and nephews.

Roy was preceded in death by his parents, brother Guy Leonard and sister Dolores Leonard Cavallo.

In keeping with his wishes Roy will be cremated, and a Celebration of life will be held on Saturday, August 1, 2026, at the Carpenter and Ford Funeral Home, 209 Merchant Street, from 12:00 pm until the time of the service at 2:00 pm with Pastor Steve Stemple presiding.

Memories and condolences can be left for the family at www.carpenterandford.com

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John Paul Mozuke

John Paul Mozuke, of Williamstown, WV passed away peacefully on Sunday, July 26, 2026, at Fairmont Rehabilitation and Health-care in Fairmont, WV of natural causes. He was born on March 1, 1941, in Hutchinson, a small sub development of Worthington, WV the son of the late Mike Mozuke and Mary (Mascak) Mozuke.

John was lucky enough to grow up in Hutchinson surrounded by multiple extended family members.

He had many aunts, uncles, and first cousins just a few houses away. He graduated from Monongah (WV) High School in 1960 where he lettered in baseball, football, and basketball. Upon graduation, he married Sue (Crim) Mozuke of Enterprise, WV and enlisted in the US Army. The couple was briefly stationed in Texas before John was sent to Korea. After serving his country, the couple returned to West Virginia and raised their children in Williamstown, WV, where they made their residence until they entered a skilled nursing

facility together in late 2025.

In his younger years, John enjoyed fishing, hunting, and vacationing in Myrtle Beach, SC with his family. In his later years, John could be found sitting on the front porch with his wife Sue, feeding the squirrels and talking to neighbors.

In addition to his wife and parents, John was preceded in death by his brother, George Mozuke of Williamstown, WV and his brother-in-law, Jerry Acord of Pittsburgh, PA.

He is survived by his three children: Tammy Cinalli and her husband Mark of Mineral Wells, WV; Lisa Homberger and her husband Chuck of Fairmont, WV; and John Mozuke of Hutchinson, WV, his three grandchildren who lovingly referred to him as "Papaw": Andrew Cinalli of Mineral Wells, WV; Phillip Cinalli of Mineral Wells, WV; and Ciara Homberger of Fairmont, WV; and his sister Deanna Acord of Monroeville, PA.

The family has entrusted Harmer Funeral Home in Shinnston, WV with the cremation and burial at IOOF Cemetery in Enterprise, WV. Following John's wishes, the family will mourn his passing with a private family gathering.



Robin Ann Prendergast

Robin Ann Prendergast, age 66, passed away peacefully on June 27, 2026. She was born in Fairmont, WV on December 26, 1959 to Patricia Ann (Miller) Prendergast and the late John Richard Prendergast.



After graduating from Fairmont Senior High School in 1978, Robin attended Fairmont State University where she earned her associate's degree in nursing. She perfectly blended her passion for helping others with her professional career, finding her true calling as a registered nurse. Robin had a gift for caring and bringing comfort to those who needed it most.

Robin is survived by her mother, Patricia Ann "Patty" (Miller) Prendergast of Vero Beach, FL; daughters, Jasmine Ann Smithbauer (David) of Morgantown, WV and Brittany Clingan Fisher (Sean) of Pittsboro, NC; grandchildren, Aveline Smithbauer, Emarie Smithbauer, Amelia Fisher, and Jack Fisher; sisters, Tamera McLaughlin of Vero Beach,

FL and Terri Prendergast of Fairmont, WV; brother, Jay Prendergast (Ann Corwin) of Fairmont, WV; nephew, Brandon Clingan (Danielle) of Charles Town, WV; as well as several aunts, uncles, and cousins.

Robin was preceded in death by her father, John Richard "Dick" Prendergast.

Her proudest accomplishment was her family, whom she loved bringing together by hosting dinners, cooking delicious meals, and filling her home with warmth and hospitality.

Robin touched the lives of many in both her personal and professional life and she'll be greatly missed by all who knew her.

A memorial service will be held at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Empty Bowls Monongalia, 7 Rousch Dr, Westover, WV 26501 <https://www.ebmon.org/donate>

Hastings Funeral Home has been entrusted with cremation arrangements. Condolences may be sent to the family at www.hastingsfuneralhome.com



Dr. Patricia P. Ryan

It is with a heavy heart that we say our beloved Pat departed this life on Tuesday, June 30, 2026 will her brother at her side. Her family and friends will treasure all the sweet lifetime memories of time spent together.



Pat will most be remembered for her brilliant mind and her academic achievements earning a Ph.D in political science from WVU in 1972. She loved to travel and traveled extensively worldwide. Who can forget Pat's love of animals and especially her little Erica. But our fondest memories are Pat's kindness and caring for others. And of course, we will always remember her charming, beautiful accent.

Patricia Mafalda Francesca Peghini was born in Cairo, Egypt on September 21, 1939. Her parents, Peter R. and Yolanda D'Andrea Peghihi were Italian citizens residing in Egypt. Pat grew up in Cairo, surviving the German invasion of North Africa in World War II, the Arab revolution of 1952 and the Israeli war. Even still, she had a wonderful social life and learned to be proficient at fencing and loved to read. Pat earned a diploma in general studies in 1960 at the American College for Girls, Cairo, Egypt, then studied Political Science at the American University in Cairo earning her B. A. with honors in 1962. She then came to the United States to study at Mount Holyoke College, where she obtained a

certificate in graduate studies in History and Political Science. Then she went on to obtain her M. A. in Political Science at West Virginia University in 1965. Pat completed her Ph.D in Political Science at West Virginia University in 1972. During that time, she became a United States citizen in 1969 and was an Italian citizen with Egyptian residence prior to that.

Pat became a Professor of Political Science at Fairmont State College, where she taught for over 50 years with a special focus on the Middle East and International Relations.

Pat met and married her dear Walter in 1965 and they enjoyed 44 years together until Walter passed away in 2009. Pat and Walter lived in Morgantown, WV and Pat continued living in Morgantown after Walter's death.

Growing up in Cairo, Pat became fluent in French, Italian, Arabic and English with some Greek and enjoyed conversing with others as she traveled worldwide.

Pat is survived by her brother Peter P. Sullivan and his wife Glenna of Montgomery, Texas.

Pat was interred with her husband Walter at the West Virginia National Cemetery and a memorial service has taken place in Morgantown. There are plans to establish a Dr. Patricia Ryan scholarship fund at Fairmont State in her memory.

Hastings Funeral Home has been entrusted with arrangements. Condolences may be sent to the family at www.hastingsfuneralhome.com.



Patricia Staggers

Patricia Faye Staggers, beloved wife, mother, grandmother, sister, and friend, passed away on July 4, surrounded by her loving family after a courageous and lengthy battle with ALS. She was 71.

Born on May 14, 1955, in Mullens, West Virginia, Pat was the cherished daughter of the late Calvin and Rene Green. She spent her childhood in Pineville, where she developed the warmth, kindness, and unwavering faith that would define her throughout her life.

Pat graduated from Bluefield College and built a successful career as an executive assistant, serving several coal companies throughout southern and central West Virginia.

Above all else, Pat's greatest joy was her family. She shared 45 wonderful years of marriage with her devoted husband, Allen Staggers. Together they built a home filled with love, laughter, and countless cherished memories. She was a proud and loving mother to her daughters, Ashley (Nathaniel) Lee of Indianapolis and Kelsey (Phillip) of Charleston, and found immeasurable happiness in her treasured granddaughter, Aster, who brought endless light to her life.

Pat is also survived by her sisters, Susan Green of Rock and Linda Uhl of Princeton, along with many extended family members and dear friends who were blessed by her kindness and generosity.

A faithful member of LIFE Church and P.E.O. Chapter R, Pat lived a life rooted in service, compassion, and grace.

Whether opening her home to family gatherings, offering encouragement to a friend, or quietly helping someone in need, she made everyone feel welcome and valued. She had a remarkable gift for bringing people together, and her home was often the heart of celebrations filled with love and lasting memories.

Those who knew Pat will remember her gentle spirit, unwavering strength, infectious smile, and selfless devotion to those she loved. Even throughout her battle with ALS, she faced each day with courage, dignity, and an enduring faith that inspired everyone around her.

The family extends its deepest gratitude to the compassionate staff of WV Caring Hospice—Scott, Amber, Kimmie, Kelly, Brittany, and Trudy—for the exceptional care, comfort, and kindness they provided. They also offer heartfelt thanks to Pat's devoted personal caregivers, Rebecca, Amanda, Paula, and Suzie, whose love, patience, and friendship meant so much during her journey.

Though her absence leaves an immeasurable void, Pat's legacy of love, generosity, faith, and family will continue to live on in the hearts of all who knew and loved her.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that memorial donations be made to WV Caring Hospice or the ALS Foundation in honor of Patricia Faye Staggers.

Arrangements have been entrusted to the Ford Funeral Home, Ford Chapel, 201 Columbia Street, Fairmont. A service to celebrate Pat's life will be held at a later date. Online condolences may be made to the family at www.fordfuneralhomes.com.



James Philip Witt

James Philip Witt, 97, of Greensburg, PA, formerly of Fairmont (Rock Lake), passed away on Tuesday, July 14, 2026 at St. Anne Home in Greensburg. He was born on November 27, 1928 in Fairmont,



WV, the son of the late Charles and Helen Hart Witt. James was preceded in death by his beloved wife in 2007, V. "Lee" Warner Witt.

He is survived by his daughter, Constance Hess and her husband Michael of Greensburg, PA; brother, Richard Witt of Tavares, Florida; sister, Patti Burnette of Shinnston, WV; grandchildren, Christopher Hess and his wife Marcie of Pittsburgh, PA, Heather Sharma and her husband Maneesh of Baltimore, Md, and Matthew Hess and his wife Jenna of Wadsworth, OH. James is also survived by seven great-grandchildren, Andrew, Alexander, Braden, Maya, Arian, Maxwell, and Megan; as well as several nieces and nephew.

James was a graduate of East Fairmont High School and attended Fairmont State College. After school, he proudly served his country in the United States Navy. James

was a former member of First United Methodist Church in Fairmont. He faithfully served as a driver at Smith Transfer Company in Fairmont, until retiring. James was also a past member of the Fairmont Masonic Lodge No. 9 A.F. & A.M. He found great enjoyment in traveling to Blackwater Falls, and Myrtle Beach annually, as he loved to spend time with his family, especially his grandchildren and great grandchildren.

The family would like to extend a sincere thank you to the staff at St. Anne Home and requests that memorial contributions be made in James's memory to St. Anne Home, 685 Angela Dr, Greensburg, PA 15601.

Arrangements have been entrusted to the Ford Funeral Home, Ford Chapel, 201 Columbia Street, Fairmont, WV 26554. Friends and family will be received on Friday, July 17, 2026 from 10 am until 12 noon. The funeral service will be held in the funeral home on Friday at 12 noon with Pastor Bill Toothman officiating. A service of committal will follow at Beverly Hills Memorial Gardens in Westover, West Virginia. Online condolences may be made to the family at www.fordfuneralhomes.com.



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