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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.

Matthew 11:28-30

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Charles William Bauguess

Feb. 12, 1933 – Oct. 8, 2026



Charles William Bauguess, 93, of Princeton, died Thursday, October 8, 2026, at Ridge Care on Halls Ridge Road in Princeton.

Born February 12, 1933, in Lerona, he was the son of the late George Bauguess Sr. and Minnie Cole Bauguess. Mr. Bauguess graduated from Princeton High School. He was a veteran of the Korean Conflict serving with the U.S. Air Force, while serving he received the National Defense Service Medal, United Nations Service Medal, & the Korean Service Medal. Following his time in the service, he began a long career with Kaiser Aluminum Company in Ravenswood, WV as a crane operator for over 34 years. Mr. Bauguess had a strong work ethic, enjoyed hunting, working in the garden, and taking his family on vacation.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his loving wife of 65 years, Louise Goode Bauguess, and his eight siblings, Ray, Ralph, Essie, George Jr., Bennie, Betty Sue, & Lucille Bauguess and Ruth White. His son-in law Dr. Paul Gilley.

Survivors include his two children, Cindy Gilley of Bluefield WV, Keith "Will" Bauguess & wife Amy of Ripley WV, one granddaughter Dr. Rebecca Gilley of Chicago IL, along with a host of nieces and nephews. Graveside services will be held at noon on Wednesday, October 14, 2026, at Roselawn Memorial Gardens in Princeton, WV with Rev. Gary Moore officiating. Friends may visit with the family on Wednesday from 10:00 until 12:00 noon. Online condolences may be shared with the family via visiting www.memorialfd.com

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Dorothy Mae Carmon

Jan. 28, 1950 – Oct. 10, 2026



PORT ORANGE — Dorothy Mae Carmon, lovingly known as "Dottie" by family and friends, passed away on October 10, 2026 at the age of 76. She bravely fought a year-long battle with liver cancer, having been diagnosed in November 2025. Miss Dottie resided in Port Orange, FL, having retired there fifteen years ago with her beloved husband, David Carmon.

Dottie was born in Princeton, WV, on January 28th, 1950 to the late William "Bill" Stump and his wife Mary Stump (née Snider). She graduated from Princeton High School in 1968, and shortly after married the love of her life, Mr. David Carmon in 1969.

Dottie and David cherished nearly sixty years of love and devotion together. They lived in Princeton for thirty years, proudly raising two wonderful sons, Michael and Adam. While in Princeton, she worked in sales at Andy Clark Ford and later worked in real estate at Weichert Realtors.

Later, the family relocated to Richmond, VA, where Dottie worked at Century 21 Realty. She later co-owned and co-operated a motor shop with her husband and son Adam, Dominion Industrial Motor Service, Inc., before retiring to Florida with her husband.

Dottie loved art and design. She painted several still-life paintings with acrylic paints. She made her own ceramic sculptures, and even owned her own ceramic shop in Princeton, Personal Touch Ceramics, for ten years. She loved furniture and furnishings of all types, often finding thrifty items to salvage and turn into beautiful pieces of original furniture.

She loved blankets and had several blankets with family members and pets printed onto them, which she displayed around her Port Orange home. She enjoyed cars, having owned a 1957 Chevrolet Bel Air and a 1971 Corvette Stingray in her youth. She also loved the minions from Despicable Me, and even had a sculpture of one on top of her desk. Dottie adored animals and had many "fur-babies." She had a horse named Mark, a beagle named Bruno, a basset hound named Daisy, a yorkie-mix named Francie, and three Corgis, Chester, Archer, and Dolly. Of all Miss

Dottie's passions however, what she loved most was cooking. She could nearly always be found in the kitchen, either cooking breakfast, dinner, or trying out a new recipe she found on the internet. She always made sure the people she loved were well-fed, even if it meant cooking enough food to feed two households. Cooking was her way of showing love to her family and friends, and all of her recipes were quite literally fortified with sugar, making everything she cooked taste that much sweeter.

Miss Dottie was preceded in death by her mother and father, Bill and Mary Stump of Princeton, WV, her sister Joyce Gooding of Glen Allen, VA, and her beloved pets Mark, Bruno, Daisy, Francie, and Chester. She is survived by her loving husband, David Carmon of Port Orange, FL, her son Michael Carmon and his wife Rosalind Carmon of York, PA, her son Adam Carmon and his wife Jessica More-Carmon of Daytona Beach, FL, her grandson Zachary Carmon of York, PA, her brother David Stump and his wife Ruby Stump of Princeton, WV, her brother Ronald Stump and his wife Dawn Stump of Princeton, WV, many cousins, nephews and nieces in the extended families, as well as her Corgis, Archer and Dolly.

Miss Dottie was surrounded by family when she peacefully ascended to heaven, and will forever be remembered as a devoted wife, a loyal friend, and a loving, protective mother and grandmother. She will be dearly missed by all who knew her.

Bobby Bruce Craft

Feb. 28, 1938 – Oct. 20, 2026



Bobby Bruce Craft, 88, of Princeton, West Virginia, went home to be with his Lord and Savior on Tuesday, October 20, 2026, while at Glenwood Healthcare Center.

Born February 28, 1938, in Salisbury, NC, he was the son of the late Martin Bruce Craft and Blanche Rogers Craft.

Bobby was a 1956 graduate of Princeton High School and a 1960 graduate of Concord College. He obtained his Master's from West Virginia University in 1969.

Bobby retired after teaching in the Mercer County School system for 30 years, including at Matoaka and Athens High Schools.

Bobby was the caregiver for his mother and father until they passed away, and he was helpful to his brothers, Jack and Roger, whenever help was needed. Bobby attended First Baptist Church in Princeton until his health declined.

He was preceded in death by his parents, his brother, Jack, and sister-in-law, Mary. Those left to cherish his memory include his brother, Roger and wife, Sandy, of Princeton, and niece, Tera Bezko and husband, Eric, of Newport Beach, CA.

Funeral services will be held at 11:00 A.M. Friday, October 30, 2026, in the Chapel of the Memorial Funeral Directory on the Athens Road in Princeton with Pastor David Lee officiating. Interment to follow in Roselawn Memorial Gardens. The family will receive friends from 10:00 A.M. until the service hour at the funeral home.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to First Baptist Church Princeton, WV or to a charity of your choice.

Online condolences may be shared with the family via www.memorialfd.com.

The Craft family is being served by the Memorial Funeral Directory and Cremation Center on the Athens Road in Princeton.

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Daniel Floyd "Butch" Currence

Jun. 13, 1941 – Oct. 15, 2026



Daniel Floyd "Butch" Currence, 85, of Bluefield, WV, died Thursday, October 15, 2026 at his home.

Butch was born June 13, 1941 in Bluefield, WV to the late V.L. "Stubby" Currence and Ella Buffalow Currence.

He retired from AEP as a Meter Reader after 40 years of service. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army, serving from 1963-1965, as Specialist 4th Class (SP4) in an Engineer Floating Bridge Company. Butch was an avid runner, into his 70's, when he won his age group in the Burke's Garden Half Marathon.

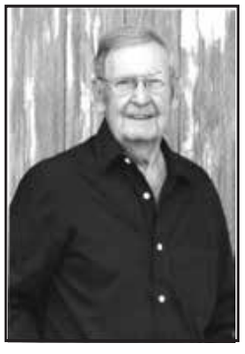
He is survived by his wife, Lovetta Raye Currence; one son, Daniel Brian and wife Mindy; and grandson, Daniel Brian Currence, Jr. (BJ) of Lexington, SC.

Graveside rites will be held at 11:00 a.m. at Grandview Memory Gardens in Bluefield, VA on Tuesday, October 20, 2026.

Mercer Funeral Home
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William Hardy Denton

Mar. 6, 1942 – Oct. 15, 2026



William Hardy Denton, age 84, of West Unity, Ohio, passed away at home on October 15, 2026.

Born March 6, 1942, in Koppers Bottom, Big Four, McDowell County, WV, to Helen Lucille Denton, he grew up living with his grandparents Oscar Hardy and Addie Pearl Denton in Kopper Bottom.

Predeceased by his mother and brother Tracy Champ.

Survived by siblings: Blaine (Evelyn) Champ of Mt. Ulla, NC Annette Hicks of Princeton, WV; children: Billie Jean (Brian) Miller and Michael(Sandy) Denton of West Unity, OH and 5 grandchildren and 8 great-grandchildren; his special dogs Scooby and Tic.

A funeral service will be held at Floral Grove Cemetery, West Unity.

Robert James Daugherty

Nov. 11, 1941 – Oct. 13, 2026



Robert James Daugherty, of Bluefield, Virginia, passed away at home on October 13, 2026. He was born on November 11, 1941, in Abbs Valley, VA.

He was preceded in death by his father and mother, Lionel and Della Pearl Daugherty; the love of his life his wife Dorothy Ann Brooks Daugherty, who he loved dearly; as well as his aunt, Helen Richardson and husband John; and his brothers, Donald Daugherty and John Daugherty.

He is survived by his special friends and devoted caregivers Marsha and her husband Joey Belcher of Bramwell, WV, as well as his long-time next-door neighbors Kathy and Frankie Lampert and their children who were all like family to him.

Robert lived a life marked by service and generosity. He served honorably in the National Guard and later retired from Verizon Phone Company, where he met his wife and they worked together. He was a member of the Moose Lodge and was a member of the Baptist Church.

Those who knew him will remember him as a very generous man whose kindness extended especially to animals. He loved helping animals, especially cats, and that compassion was a meaningful part of his life.

Robert James Daugherty will be remembered for his generous spirit, his faithful heart, and the care he showed to others and to animals alike. May his memory bring comfort to those who knew and loved him. A special thanks you to hospice of Southwest Virginia and Dr. Shauberger who did a tremendous job.

Visitation will be held Saturday, October 17, 2026, from 10:00 a.m. until 11:00 a.m. at Cravens-Shires Funeral Homes, in Bluewell, WV. A funeral service will follow there at 11:00 a.m. with Gary Lyons officiating. Burial will take place afterward at Woodlawn Memorial Park with friends serving as pallbearers.

Cravens-Shires Funeral Home
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Patricia Ann Fleshman

Dec. 7, 1942 – Oct. 2, 2026



YARMOUTH — Patricia Ann (Davies) Fleshman, known to family and friends as Pat, of Freeport, Maine, died October 2, 2026, at age 83. She was born on December 4, 1942, to William and Mary Davies.

Pat graduated from Texas Christian University in Fort Worth, Texas, where she worked at a movie theater–fitting for someone whose lifelong love of old movies began as a girl sending away for autographed photographs of movie stars.

After college, Pat taught middle school English in Texas and Indiana. She later lived for many years in Bluefield, West Virginia, where she worked as a medical secretary, before eventually returning to teaching.

Pat and her husband, Walter "Bud" Fleshman, made their home in Troutdale, Virginia, in a cabin at the end of a mile-long gravel drive, complete with a lovely pond. Pat navigated the winding mountain roads to teach English first at Oak Hill Academy and later at Grayson County High School. She delighted in teaching literature, writing and grammar and cared deeply for her students. At Oak Hill, she was an enthusiastic supporter of the school's basketball team, and at GCHS, she was honored to serve as a commencement speaker.

Pat's classrooms changed with the seasons, with Bud serving as her patient co-decorator, assisting with the logistics behind each month's collection. Pat was known for her fashion coordination, matching her outfits from head to toe, including earrings, necklace, watch and shoes, and, at times, a seasonally appropriate flower in her hair.

Pat's love of language followed her home. Laura credits her mom with making her a better writer, beginning with childhood draft thank-you notes finalized following gentle lessons in spelling and grammar. Pat's frequent cards for family and friends and her annual Christmas letter were legendary. Her family long suspected it was no coincidence that the local Hallmark store closed after she left Bluefield.

Pat dearly loved her grandchildren and treasured being Grandma. When they were young, visits included gifted books read aloud; as they grew, she enjoyed holidays and special occasions with them whenever she could. Birthdays brought a phone call and Grandma proudly singing "Happy Birthday."

Pat was predeceased by her parents; her brothers, William Davies Jr. and James Davies; and Bud.

She is survived by her sisters, Barbara (David) Coleman of Haslet, Texas, and Judy Mattingly of New Castle, Indiana; her children, David Doyle of Croton-on-Hudson, New York and Laura Doyle Sanborn (Greg) of Yarmouth, Maine; her grandchildren, Christopher and Jonathan Doyle and Matthew, Evelyn and Benjamin Sanborn; and Valerie Doyle, mother of Chris and Jon.

Pat's family is deeply grateful to the staff of Freeport Place for their kindness and care. Laura is especially grateful to her husband and children for the errands, appointments, visits and, of course, monthly seasonal decor changes Pat eagerly anticipated.

A celebration of Pat's life will be planned at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Food Independence with information available at https://graysonlandcare.org/product/food-independence-donation.

Arrangements and guidance are in the care of Stetson's Funeral Home and Cremation Care, 12 Federal Street, Brunswick, Maine.

Condolences, memories, and photos may be shared with the family on the obituary page of the Stetson's Funeral Home website, www.stetsonsfuneralhome.com

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Jack Marvin Forbes

Nov. 10, 1937 – Oct. 7, 2026



Jack Marvin Forbes, 88, of Princeton, died peacefully on Wednesday, October 7, 2026, at Ridgecare Assisted Living on the Halls Ridge Road, Princeton.

Born November 10, 1937, he was the son of the late Ernest Forbes and Lula Amy Geisler Forbes.

Jack loved his Lord and his family. He was a 1955 graduate of Princeton High School.

He served his country honorably in the U.S. Air Force and had worked for Rockwell International for 17 years and retired as an officer from New Century Bank with 21 years' service.

Jack was a faithful member of the Immanuel Baptist Church until his health started to decline.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by two siblings, Ray Lewis Forbes and Helen Louise York.

Left to cherish his memory are his two children, Steve Forbes and Connie Cox-Durnseif. Also surviving are his nieces, nephews and his church family.

Services to celebrate the life of Jack Forbes will be held on Tuesday, October 13, 2026, at 1:00 P.M. from the Chapel of Memorial Funeral on the Athens Road in Princeton with Pastor Dr. Dan Jividen officiating. Burial will follow in the Resthaven Memorial Park in Princeton. Friends may visit with the family from Noon until the service hour at the funeral home.

Online condolences may be shared with the family via www.memorialfd.com.

Family and friends will serve as pallbearers.

The Forbes family is being served by the Memorial Funeral Directory and Cremation Center on the Athens Road in Princeton.

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William Jefferson Gillespie

Jan. 14, 1940 - Oct. 19, 2026

MANCHESTER, TN – William Jefferson Gillespie III, age 86, of Manchester, passed away on Monday, October 19, 2026, in Murfreesboro, TN.

Mr. Gillespie was born in Richlands, VA, to his late parents William Jefferson Gillespie, Jr. and Madge Fuller Gillespie.

He was a graduate of Virginia Tech. He worked for Southern States COOP until he retired.

Mr. Gillespie was a member of Tazewell Presbyterian Church. His true passion was owning, showing, and trail riding Tennessee Walking Horses.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his sister, Anne Clements.

Mr. Gillespie is survived by his wife of 62 years, Susan Gillespie; daughters, Carlan Cotten and Hunter Intorcia (Michael); grandchildren, Chad Cotten, Emily Duke, Katie Cotten, Blake Intorcia, and Carrie Intorcia; 5 great grandchildren.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to: Tazewell County Animal Shelter, 736 Camp Joy Road, Bluefield, VA 24605 or to ALSAC/St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105.

Arrangements are incomplete.

Central Funeral Home is honored to serve the Gillespie family, 931-723-7774, centralfuneralhome.com

Bobby Lee Walk

Jul. 28, 2026

Bobby Lee Walk, 97, of Bluefield, VA, passed away Tuesday, July 28, 2026 at his home.

Born in Poe, VA, he was the son of the late Robert and Rebecca Carter Walk and the husband of the late Peggy Jean Hall Walk.

A memorial service will be held at the graveside on Thursday, October 29, 2026 at 2:00 P.M. Those wishing to attend the service are asked to meet at Maple Hill Cemetery on Thursday no later than 1:45 P.M.

Dudley Memorial Mortuary
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Thomas F. Hall Jr.

Jan. 22, 1950 – Oct. 7, 2026



Thomas F. Hall, Jr., 76, of Amherst, Virginia, originally from Rainelle, West Virginia, went to be with the Lord on October 7, 2026. He was the son of the late Thomas F. Hall, Sr. and Kathleen Shannon Hall. Tom was a dedicated husband, father, entrepreneur, and builder.

Tom was born on January 22, 1950, in Beckley, West Virginia. In high school, he met Janie Whitley Mundy, and the two would spend more than fifty years of love together building a life, family, and legacy. Tom became the first in his family to graduate from college, earning a Bachelor's Degree from Concord College and continuing his studies at West Virginia University.

He went to work for and eventually became president of George E. Jones & Sons, Inc. construction company, where he led for more than 40 years. Tom was a builder in more ways than one, leaving a permanent memorial throughout the area through the homes, commercial buildings, infrastructure, developments, charitable endeavors, and, most importantly, friendships he built. He was twice the past president of the Associated General Contractors of Central Virginia and was appointed by Virginia Governor George Allen to the State Board of Contractors. He acted as an informal business, life, and financial advisor to many people and spent years on the board of directors of First National Bank of Altavista.

He had a love of aviation and earned his private pilot's license. Tom was a member of Emmanuel United Methodist Church, where he donated countless hours in various leadership capacities over the years, and he enjoyed God's creation as a lover of all things nature, especially the scenic landscapes out west in Idaho and Montana, where fly fishing was his Heaven on Earth.

Tom is survived by his loving wife, Janie Whitley Mundy Hall; his sons, of whom he was so proud, Michael Thomas Hall and his wife Amanda, and John Norman Hall and his wife Ann, of Lynchburg, VA; three grandchildren whom he loved very much, Tyler Thomas Hall, Declan James Hall, and William Thomas Hall; his siblings, Linda Pomeroy of Beckley, WV, and Jeannie Lucas of Beaver, WV; and many nieces and nephews.

He'll miss his many dear friends, including his fishing buddy Mitch, out-west traveling crew Philip and Ed, and longtime business partner and friend David Bays.

In Heaven, he's reunited with others, including Norm, Jimmy, Butch, Ed, Gary, and Lloyd. He valued his loyal employees, many of whom, like Diane, themselves became lifelong friends, and he's no doubt planning to build something right now with Bud and Bill.

Tom lived a productive life. He accomplished a great deal, of which you'd never hear him boast. He was full of love and loved by many. His quick wit, the lessons he taught us, and the impact he made will last forever. Well done, good and faithful servant.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Emmanuel United Methodist Church, P.O. Box 451, Amherst, VA 24521.

A visitation will be held on Friday, October 16, 2026 from 6:00-8:00pm and a memorial service will be held on Saturday, October 17, 2026, at 11:00am, both at Emmanuel United Methodist Church, 401 North Main Street, Amherst, VA.

Tharp Funeral Home & Crematory, Lynchburg, is assisting the family. To send condolences, please visit www.tharpfuneralhome.com

Gary Harrison

Dec. 8, 1938 – Oct. 4, 2026



Gary Harrison, 87, of Rock, died Sunday, October 4, 2026. Born December 8, 1938, in Affinity, he was the son of the late Steve Harrison and Edra Wills Harrison.

Mr. Harrison was a 1957 graduate of Sophia High School and received an associate degree from Beckley College.

He served eight years in the US Air Force and served in Vietnam.

He worked for the Department of Defense, retiring in Hyattsville, Maryland. He relocated to West Virginia, where he worked for Norfolk Southern Railroad.

He was an avid WVU football fan and enjoyed NASCAR. He was a friend to many and helped people in any way he could.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by one brother, John Steven Harrison; and two sisters, Janice Bednash and Jean Taylor.

Survivors include the love of his life, and wife of 46 years, Loretta Blevins Harrison; two children, Andrea Yvette Harrison of the home and David Michael Harrison and wife Teresa of Parkersburg; one brother, Larry Harrison and wife Barbara of Delaware; special niece, Lisa Ellison; five grandchildren, Harleigh Harrison, Avalee Harrison, Ryland Harrison, Jason Flint and Jeremy Flint; and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be conducted at 1:00 p.m. Wednesday, October 7, 2026, at the Bailey-Kirk Funeral Home in Princeton with Pastor Chris Richards officiating. Interment will follow at the Blevins Cemetery in Lashmeet.

Military Honors will be conducted by the Mercer County Veterans Honor Guard.

Family and friends will serve as pallbearers.

The family will receive friends Wednesday, October 7, 2026, from noon until service hour at the 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

Douglas "Doug" Dwayne Horne

Apr. 22, 1961 – Oct. 27, 2026



Douglas "Doug" Dwayne Horne, 65, of Surfside Beach, SC, passed away peacefully at home Tuesday, October 27, 2026, with his wife and daughter by his side.

Born April 22, 1961, in Richlands, VA, he was the son of the late David Earl and Nora Lee Little Horne.

Doug devoted 42 years to a successful career in retail management and as a buyer for a local retail chain. Throughout his life and career, Doug will be remembered for his quiet, patient nature, his subtle sense of humor and his willingness to lend a hand to anyone who needed it.

He loved living at the beach, fishing, watching movies and listening to music. A talented and creative artist, Doug enjoyed painting with oils and sketching with charcoal, often drawing inspiration from nature and the outdoors he loved.

Those left to cherish his memory include his loving wife, Lisa; his daughter: Amanda Perdue; his brothers: David Horne and wife, Kim of Cedar Bluff, VA and Eddie Horne and wife, Rita of Max Meadows, VA; many nieces and nephews.

A service to celebrate Doug's life will be held Friday, October 30, 2026 at Dudley Memorial Chapel at 2:00 P.M., with Doug Keene officiating. Burial will follow at Grandview Memory Gardens.

Pallbearers will be David Horne, Joshua Horne, Ryan Horne and Brady Horne.

Friends may visit the family on Friday at the funeral home from 1:00 P.M. until the hour of the service.

The family would like to say a special "Thank You" to Travis, Angela, Samantha and Carla as well as the entire staff at Patriot Hospice, Conway, SC.

Dudley Memorial Mortuary
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Allison Fortune Marra

Oct. 10, 1948 – Oct. 1, 2026



MIDLAND — Allison "Al" Fortune Marra, died October 1, 2026, in Midland, Michigan.

Born in Bluefield, West Virginia, he was the son of the late John Henry Marra and Alice Christine Fortune, and grandson of Henry Allison Fortune Sr. and Constance Fourqurean Fortune, and Martin and Katherine Richeson Marra. His father lovingly called him 'Pally'.

Big Al spent 48 years in television broadcasting, starting in his hometown at WHIS-TV (later WVVA). His career took him to Tennessee, back to West Virginia, to Colorado, and home to West Virginia again. He was known in the business for turning around struggling stations while saving as many jobs as possible.

He was preceded in death by his sister, Patricia Wimmer, and his brother, John Martin Marra.

He is survived by his wife, Cathie; his sister, Margaret Anne Marra; his sons, Steven (Sarah Barnes) and Ryan (Dianna); his granddaughters, Kira Jane Barnes-Marra and Piper Elyse Barnes-Marra; his grandson, Coleton Johnson Marra; and many nieces and nephews. He also leaves his longtime neighbor Dale Keener, with whom he co-founded the Westchester Golf Course, and his special cousin, Susan Henderson. The family extends special thanks to Richard Shumate, Dale Moore, and C. Adam Toney.

Al was an avid golfer to the end and a lifelong supporter of First Tee and other youth golf programs. He always encouraged everyone to take a child golfing, and to take a child to a car show.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to a youth golf program or the American Cancer Society.

At the appropriate time, his ashes, and one day Cathie's, will be scattered on East River Mountain in their hometown, in the high desert and mountains of western Colorado, and in a very special place: the Dolly Sods Wilderness in beautiful Tucker County, West, by God, Virginia.



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Lana Kibbey

Oct. 12, 1942 – Oct. 15, 2026



WELCH — Lana Kibbey, 84, of Welch, WV, passed away Friday, October 15, 2026, at home surrounded by her children. Born October 12, 1942, in Swords Creek VA she was the daughter of the late William Edward Hale and Wilma Iris Hale.

Lana was a career-oriented Woman who dedicated herself to a profession in health sciences as a Registered Nurse but also provided a loving and nurturing home for her children and loving spouse Johnny. She truly lived a life of service to others and worked tirelessly to provide and care for her family, the community, and anyone else she met. She was graceful and elegantly personified; she was a complete professional and was respectful of everyone. She was devoted to her Lord Jesus Christ and was a Christian her entire adult life after being saved and baptized at the age of 12. Lana lived her life from the heart of a servant, as exemplified by the Virtuous Woman described in the bible scripture Proverbs 31.

Lana was a graduate of Big Creek High School and a Graduate Diploma RN from Lewis Gale Nursing School in Roanoke, VA. She began her career at Norfolk General in Norfolk, VA. Lana was a Registered Nurse at Steven's Clinic with 28 years of service in Nursing Administration and served as a DRG Coordinator and as a House Supervisor and in other administrative roles. After the closing of Steven's Clinic, she continued her career at Welch Emergency Hospital with nearly 20 years of service in Nursing Administration as a Director of Nursing, Head of the Utilization Review and Infection Control programs for the hospital as well as overseeing departments such as Medical Surgical, ICU, and the Operating Room. She worked closely with Nurse Aides, Nurses, Doctors, ancillary hospital staff and other Administrators to ensure quality healthcare was brought to Welch and the surrounding communities for over 40 years of her life.

Lana also voluntarily served for numerous years after retiring on the Board of Directors for Tug River Health Association and continued her commitment to the public health needs of the community.

Lana was so many things to so many people, she was a provider for her family, she was a loving duty filled and loyal spouse to our beloved Father Johnny and stood by his side through his ministry, a trailblazing Career Woman who inspired and served her community, but most of all she was simply "Mom"; the one you call when you need direction in life, someone to share your joy and pain with, you milestones, the never wondering ear, or judging heart, the calm in the storm, and someone that we will greatly miss. We love you, Mom.

"The time of my departure is at hand. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. Finally, there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will give to me on that Day". 2 Timothy 4:6 -8

Lana enjoyed gardening, spending time with her grand and great grandchildren, worshiping the lord in prayer and song, and being of service to others and loved ones around and near to her.

Lana was a born-again Christian of the Pentecostal Faith and was a member of Trinity Assembly Church, English, WV

In addition to her parents Lana is proceeded in death by, her loving spouse Johnny, two daughters Lisa Renee Kibbey and Jennifer Lynne Brown, and one son in law, Curtis Dewayne Brown.

Survivors include 3 sons, Jeffery Lane Kibbey and John Anthony Kibbey both of Welch, and William Arthur Kibbey of Lexington, KY. Siblings, one brother, Darrell Bruce Hale and late wife Linda of Carlisle OH, Regina Diana Cooper and husband Douglas Cooper of Gallatin TN, Cathy Yvonne Barker and husband Charlie Dean Barker of Bartley WV, and Vanessa Ann Meade and husband Larry Keith Meade of English, WV, 6 Grandchildren, Ashley Bowden and husband Paul, Brandon Brown and wife Megan and Matthew Brown and wife Sarah all of Princeton, WV, Hannah Kibbey of Lerona, WV, Isaac Kibbey and Zachary Kibbey both of Lexington, KY. 7 great grandchildren and many nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be conducted celebrating Lana's life on Friday, October 23rd, 2026, at Fanning Funeral Home in Welch, with family visitation from 10:00 am to 11:00 am, public viewing from 11:00 am to 12:00 pm with service to follow at 12 noon with the Rev. Keith Meade officiating. Entombment will follow at Grandview Memory Gardens in Bluefield VA. Family will serve as pallbearers.

Family would like to give special thanks to Hospice Amedisys and their dedicated and caring staff for their service in this most difficult time.

Fanning Funeral Home in Welch is assisting the family.

Online condolences may be sent to the family at fanningfuneralhomes.com

FANNING FUNERAL HOMES

Patricia Baugh Starkey

Sep. 19, 1938 – Oct. 8, 2026



SUDLERSVILLE — Patricia Baugh Starkey of Sudlersville, MD passed away on Thursday Oct. 8, 2026, at Bayhealth Hospital in Dover, DE. She was 88.

"Pat" Starkey was born Sept. 19, 1938, in Bishop, VA the daughter of the late Richard and Anna "Hagy" Baugh. She graduated from Tazewell High school in Virginia in 1956 and then she continued her education at Radford College, graduating in 1960. Patricia completed her graduate work at Towson State.

In November of 1963 she married the love of her life, Wyatt Starkey, and she then moved to Sudlersville where she taught physical education for 5 years in Queen Anne's County. Pat then began working for the Kent County School system where she taught Physical Education. After her time in Kent County, she returned to Queen Anne's County as a Counselor until her retirement in 1993. During her retirement she also worked for Dixon's Furniture Auction for 12 years.

Patricia was a member of Alpha Sigma Tau sorority, the Sudlersville Methodist Church, Life Member of the State PTA, and was the first President of the Chesapeake Bay Women's Bowling Association. She enjoyed going to horse races and watching their horses' race, spending time with her family and working in her garden.

In addition to her parents', she was preceded in death by 2 brothers, Michael Baugh and John Baugh.

She is survived by her husband of 63 years, Wyatt Starkey of Sudlersville, MD, one sister, Ann Toms (Jim) of Troy, VA, three brothers, Richard Baugh (Donna) Bluefield, WV, Robert Baugh (Janet) of Princeton, WV, Phillip Baugh (Mary) of Bluefield, WV.

A visitation will be held Thursday, Oct. 15, 2026, from 11am-12pm at Calvary Asbury United Methodist Church, 103 N. Church St, Sudlersville, MD 21668. Services will begin at 12pm at the church. Burial will follow the service in Sudlersville Cemetery in Sudlersville, MD.

In Lieu of flowers contributions can be sent to the Patricia Starkey Scholarship Fund c/o Peoples Bank, 228 E. Main St., Sudlersville, MD 21668.

Arrangements by Fellows Family Funeral Home, 370 Cypress St., Millington, MD 21651.

Online condolences can be sent to the family at www.fhnfuneralhome.com

Phyllis Jane Conner Miles

Oct. 21, 1939 – Oct. 3, 2026

Phyllis Jane Conner Miles, was born October 21,1939, in Bluefield Virginia, to Mildred Frances Conner and Hugh Moses Conner. Phyllis passed peacefully on October 3, 2026.

Graduating from Bramwell High School led her to McClain's Business College. Her career started at Metropolitan Life Insurance Company transitioning on to the Mercer County Sheriff's Department and back to Met Life. Then, she worked in the Trust Department at First National Bank of Bluefield later to be named First Century Bank.

Robert "Bob" Lee Miles the high school sweetheart married Phyllis and they started a life in Bluewell. She was a widow for twenty-six years and enjoyed spending time with her devoted best friend, daughter Jane Lee Miles Wolkoff and caring son-in-law Preston Jerome Wolkoff.

Samuel "Sam" James Conner her brother and wife Margaret live in Winston Salem. Along with their daughter Renee Cornwell and husband Greg.

Phyllis enjoyed her brothers-in-laws Ed Miles and wife Betty, Bill Miles, and Emory Miles, all of Florida. Analogous brother-in-law/nephew Don Miles of Virginia Beach Virginia. She shared many good 'times up on the hill' with all her departed brothers and sisters-in-law.

Innumerable nieces and nephews, Cousin Richard Brewester and wife Jeannie of Bluefield Virginia added to her life. She always thought family should come first.

Phyllis was a member of The Elizabeth Bowen Jones Memorial United Methodist Church all her life. She taught Sunday School, a member of The Cora Johnson Circle, Women in Faith and choir while performing duties as treasurer of the building fund and financial secretary. She was a charter member of the Bluewell Woman's Club.

Living in Bluewell for sixty years led her to live with her daughter and son-in-law four years and her final life experience at Nelson's Home Care for almost three years. A heart-felt expression of gratitude to her exceptional care givers Shelby, Regina, Becky and Mary that helped her navigate through her experience with Alzheimer.

A celebration of life service will be at the Elizabeth Bowen Jones Memorial United Methodist Church on Friday, October 9, with visitation at 1:00, service at 2:00 followed by interment Woodlawn Memorial Park in Bluewell.



Assisting with service are Pastor Bill Crawford, Associate Pastor Jay VanReenan, Preston Wolkoff, Pianist Dan Turner, Vocalist Becky Allen and Pallbearers Jim Martin, Mike Hurley, Chuck Lawless, Gene Buckner, Chuck Rushbrook, Jimmy Bishop and Preston Wolkoff.

Memorial contributions may be sent to the church in her memory, PO Box 306, Bramwell, WV 24715 or remember her when you eat a piece of chocolate, drink a Coca-Cola, watch a Hallmark movie or love someone deeply.

Cravens-Shires Funeral Home
CRAVENS-SHIRES.COM

Omer J. Wood III

Nov. 29, 1955 – Oct. 11, 2026

Omer J. Wood III, 70, of Princeton, formerly of Mullens, died peacefully Sunday afternoon October 11, 2026, at his residence.

Born November 29, 1955, in Mullens, he was the son of the late Omer J. Wood Jr. & Grace Brugh Wood.

Omer was a former member of Immanuel Baptist Church in Princeton.

Survivors include his sister Susan Wood, his caregiver of 24 years, Benny Coburn and the staff of ResCare.

Services will be held 10:30 A.M. on Friday, October 16, 2026, in the Chapel of the Memorial Funeral Directory on Athens Road in Princeton. Burial will follow in Fair View Cemetery in Roanoke Virginia. Online condolences may be shared with his family via www.memorialfd.com.

Memorial Funeral Directory
MEMORIALFD.COM

Pamela Jean Wellman



PRINCETON - Pamela Jean Wellman, 61, of Princeton, passed away after a lengthy illness. Born June 27, 1965, in Winston-Salem, North Carolina, she was the daughter of the late Gene Shrader and Vickie Lester Shrader.

Pamela loved working with children and was a former employee of the Mercer County Board of Education, where at the time of her passing had worked as a third-grade assistant teacher aide and previously worked as head cook during the 12 years employed by Mercer County Schools.

She worked as a CNA during 18 years in the medical field at Princeton Community Hospital and Bluefield Regional Medical Center, after attending Southwest Virginia Community College. She was also a licensed hairdresser in West Virginia and Virginia and a lifelong resident of Mercer County.

She loved her work and those she worked with became her family. Pam loved life and fought the good fight with pain and suffering before going home to Heaven. She was of the Protestant faith.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her stepmother, Virginia Casey Shrader; sister, Tina Shrader; brother, Wesley Coolbaugh; and uncle, Freddie Lester.

Those left to cherish her memory include three sisters, Sheri Bennett and husband Jonathan of Lashmeet, Donna Justice and Darren Shaffer and Anita Beth Shrader of Princeton; nieces, Jayden Bennett, Haley Mills, Carrie Gibson and Amanda; nephews, Easton Bennett and Hayden Lambert; caregiver uncle, Jim Akers; and many friends she made over the years.

Funeral services will be conducted at 7:00 p.m. Wednesday, October 21, 2026, at the Bailey-Kirk Funeral Home in Princeton.

A graveside service will be held at 11:00 a.m. Thursday, October 22, 2026, at Resthaven Memorial Park in Princeton. Friends and family attending the service are asked to meet at the funeral home at 10:45.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society.

The family will receive friends Wednesday, October 21, 2026, from 6:00 p.m. until service hour at the Bailey-Kirk Funeral Home in Princeton. Online condolences may be shared with the family at www.bailey-kirk.com.

Bailey-Kirk Funeral Home
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Yvonne Tatum Arthur

Oct. 10, 2026

Yvonne Tatum Arthur, 87, of Fayetteville, passed away on Saturday, October 10, 2026, at the Bowers Hospice House in Beckley.

A memorial will be held at 10:30 AM on Friday, October 16, 2026, at Fayetteville United Methodist Church, 120 High Street, Fayetteville WV, 25840, with Pastor Michele Lewis officiating. Friends may visit with the family from 10:00 AM until 10:30 AM at the church.

Online condolences may be expressed to the family at www.tyreefuneralhome.com

Tyree Funeral Home

Lillian June Barr

Oct. 1, 2026

Lillian June Barr, age 86, of Sophia, WV, passed away Thursday, October 1, 2026.

Visit www.roseandquesenberry.net for service details.

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

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Lillian Kathleen Bennett

Oct. 14, 2026

Lillian Kathleen Bennett, age 79, of Strawberry Plains, Tennessee, passed away on Wednesday, October 14, 2026.

Visit www.roseandquesenberry.net for service details.

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

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Gary Timmy Bennett

Feb. 4, 1966 – Sep. 26, 2026



PARMA — Gary Timothy "Tim" Bennett, 60, formerly of Harper, West Virginia, and a longtime Cleveland resident, passed away September 26, 2026.

Born February 4, 1966, in Beckley, West Virginia, Tim graduated from Liberty High School in 1984 and Ohio University in 1988. He spent 15 years writing for The Plain Dealer.

Tim was of the Protestant faith and loved music, sports and family. He is survived by his aunts Betty Gray, Bonnie King, Arbutus "Maya" Craddock and Kathy Vanhoose, along with numerous cousins and extended family.

No public services are planned. Share memories at rememberingtimbennett5150@yahoo.com.

Charles Willard Bragg Sr.

Oct. 17, 2026

Charles Willard Bragg Sr., age 87, of Lanark, WV, passed away on Saturday, October 17, 2026.

Visit www.roseandquesenberry.net for service details.

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

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Ronnie Louis "Skip" Brogan

Oct. 20, 2026

Ronnie Louis "Skip" Brogan, age 75, of Crow, WV, passed away October 20, 2026.

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Derrick Ryan Belcher

May 19, 1988 – Oct. 8, 2026



Derrick Ryan Belcher, age 38, of Sophia, WV, passed away on October 8, 2026, after a lifelong battle with cerebral palsy. Derrick was born on May 19, 1988, in Beckley, WV.

He was the biological son of Karen Jaster of Eugene, Oregon. He was adopted and raised by his dear Granny, Donna Belcher.

Granny's sweet boy is now seizure-free and wearing his angel wings proudly.

As a kid, he participated in the Little League Baseball Challenger Program as well as the Challenger Bowling League. During his school years, he enjoyed riding the special needs bus with driver Wayne and aide Teresa. He remained in school until he reached the age of 21. He graduated from Woodrow Wilson High School in 2009. Members of the community will remember Derrick from Peggy's Video as he spent time there with Morris and Peggy Niday helping with the video rental store.

Derrick enjoyed all of Granny's attention. They liked spending time together watching television. He was fond of talking to loved ones on the telephone and was particularly happy when Uncle Paul told jokes to make him laugh. Derrick was really good at blowing kisses.

He was preceded in death by his great-grandmother, Jacqueline Malee Blake, grandfather, Jerry Belcher, great-uncle and aunt Sam and Betty Flanagan, sister, Jaquelyn Nicole Jaster, and aunt Belinda J. "Mams" Flanagan.

Survivors include his precious Granny, Donna Belcher of Sophia, sister Madison Chimenti of Eugene, Oregon; Joey Jaster and nephews Jariya, Tristen, and Kiaen Jones of Spring Grove, MN; uncle and caregiver Paul H. Flanagan of Sophia, WV; and extended family: La Donna Flanagan Lokant and her husband Frank, Kennedy, and Trevor James, Paul H. Flanagan II and his wife Leah, Corbin, and Colin Flanagan, and Jon Flanagan and his wife Paige.

Friends may visit on Wednesday, October 14, 2026, at Blue Ridge Funeral Home from 12-2 p.m. Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. with Pastor James Paul Chapman officiating. Burial will follow at Sunset Memorial Park. Family and friends will serve as pallbearers.

Blue Ridge Funeral Home, 5251 Robert C Byrd Drive, Beckley is honored to be serving the family.

Blue Ridge Funeral Home & Memorial Garden
BLUERIDGEFUNERALHOMEBECKLEY.COM

Gregory Scott Brown
Oct. 9, 2026

Gregory Scott Brown, age 57, of Glen Morgan, WV, passed away on Friday, October 9, 2026.

Visit www.roseandquesenberry.net for service details.

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

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Connie Douglas "Doug" Carden Jr.
Oct. 18, 2026

Connie Douglas "Doug" Carden Jr., 56, of Camp Creek, WV, passed away Sunday, October 18, 2026.

Visit www.roseandquesenberry.net for service details.

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

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Christie L. Cummings
Oct. 19, 2026

Christie L. Cummings, age 86, of Beckley, WV, passed away Monday, October 19, 2026.

Visit www.roseandquesenberry.net for service details.

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

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Dawn Dayton
Oct. 22, 2026

Dawn Ann Dayton, age 72, of Beckley, WV, passed away Thursday, October 22, 2026.

Visit www.roseandquesenberry.net for service details.

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

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Susan Leona Gwinn
Sep. 26, 2026

Susan Leona Gwinn, age 68, of Crab Orchard, WV, passed away on Saturday, September 26, 2026.

Visit www.roseandquesenberry.net for service details.

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

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Thomas F. Hall Jr.
Jan. 22, 1950 – Oct. 7, 2026



Thomas F. Hall, Jr., 76, of Amherst, Virginia, originally from Rainelle, West Virginia, went to be with the Lord on October 7, 2026. He was the son of the late Thomas F. Hall, Sr. and Kathleen Shannon Hall. Tom was a dedicated husband, father, entrepreneur, and builder.

Tom was born on January 22, 1950, in Beckley, West Virginia. In high school, he met Janie Whitley Mundy, and the two would spend more than fifty years of love together building a life, family, and legacy. Tom became the first in his family to graduate from college, earning a Bachelor's Degree from Concord College and continuing his studies at West Virginia University.

He went to work for and eventually became president of George E. Jones & Sons, Inc. construction company, where he led for more than 40 years. Tom was a builder in more ways than one, leaving a permanent memorial throughout the area through the homes, commercial buildings, infrastructure, developments, charitable endeavors, and, most importantly, friendships he built. He was twice the past president of the Associated General Contractors of Central Virginia and was appointed by Virginia Governor George Allen to the State Board of Contractors. He acted as an informal business, life, and financial advisor to many people and spent years on the board of directors of First National Bank of Altavista.

He had a love of aviation and earned his private pilot's license. Tom was a member of Emmanuel United Methodist Church, where he donated countless hours in various leadership capacities over the years, and he enjoyed God's creation as a lover of all things nature, especially the scenic landscapes out west in Idaho and Montana, where fly fishing was his Heaven on Earth.

Tom is survived by his loving wife, Janie Whitley Mundy Hall; his sons, of whom he was so proud, Michael Thomas Hall and his wife Amanda, and John Norman Hall and his wife Ann, of Lynchburg, VA; three grandchildren whom he loved very much, Tyler Thomas Hall, Declan James Hall, and William Thomas Hall; his siblings, Linda Pomeroy of Beckley, WV, and Jeannie Lucas of Beaver, WV; and many nieces and nephews.

He'll miss his many dear friends, including his fishing buddy Mitch, out-west traveling crew Philip and Ed, and longtime business partner and friend David Bays.

In Heaven, he's reunited with others, including Norm, Jimmy, Butch, Ed, Gary, and Lloyd. He valued his loyal employees, many of whom, like Diane, themselves became lifelong friends, and he's no doubt planning to build something right now with Bud and Bill.

Tom lived a productive life. He accomplished a great deal, of which you'd never hear him boast. He was full of love and loved by many. His quick wit, the lessons he taught us, and the impact he made will last forever. Well done, good and faithful servant.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Emmanuel United Methodist Church, P.O. Box 451, Amherst, VA 24521.

A visitation will be held on Friday, October 16, 2026 from 6:00-8:00pm and a memorial service will be held on Saturday, October 17, 2026, at 11:00am, both at Emmanuel United Methodist Church, 401 North Main Street, Amherst, VA.

Tharp Funeral Home & Crematory, Lynchburg, is assisting the family. To send condolences, please visit www.tharpfuneralhome.com

Sandra Harrah
Sep. 28, 2026

Sandra Harrah, age 77, of Wake Forrest, NC, formerly of Beckley, WV, passed away Monday, September 28, 2026.

Visit www.roseandquesenberry.net for service details.

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

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Gladys Jarrell
Oct. 24, 2026

Gladys Jarrell, age 94, of Palm Bay, Florida, formerly of Cool Ridge, WV, passed away on Saturday October 24, 2026.

Visit www.roseandquesenberry.net for complete obituary.

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

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Victoria Jennings

Oct. 23, 2026

Victoria Jennings, age 74, of Beckley, WV, passed away Friday, October 23, 2026.

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

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William Kennedy III

Oct. 16, 2026

William Edward Kennedy, III, age 54, of Pompano Beach, FL, passed away Friday, October 16, 2026.

Visit www.roseandquesenberry.net for service details.

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

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Scott Lancianese

Oct. 9, 2026

Scott Lancianese, age 66, of Mount Hope, WV, passed away Friday, October 9, 2026.

Visit www.roseandquesenberry.net for service details.

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

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Gerald Kenneth Lett

Oct. 1, 2026

Gerald Kenneth Lett, age 85, of Sevierville, TN, formerly of Daniels, WV, passed away Thursday, October 1, 2026.

Visit www.roseandquesenberry.net for service details.

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

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Franklin Scott Lancianese

Jul. 21, 1960 – Oct. 9, 2026



Franklin Scott Lancianese - known as Scott to his family and friends - went to his heavenly home at Bowers Hospice House on October 9, 2026, while his beloved wife Vickie held his hand.

As a coal miner of nearly 37 years, Scott descended into darkness every day with a spirit of bravery and resilience, knowing that he would see the light again.

That's how he approached life, too. He had endured several major mine accidents before a stroke ended his career in 2014. And through each setback, he persevered - learning again to walk, to speak and to adapt his many interests for a new reality.

His lifetime love of golf became a passion he admired in his son Anthony from afar. He swapped his cherished Harley Davidson motorcycle for a powerchair that he rode around the neighborhood, stopping to chat with neighbors who affectionately called him the mayor of Maple Fork. He'd inventory his extensive cigar collection as he watched PBS documentaries. And he became an avid foodie, eager to taste whatever Vickie was whipping up in the kitchen and his daughter Adelina's homemade brascioli each Easter Sunday.

Scott was born July 21, 1960, to Pasco and June Lancianese, who preceded him in death. Growing up, they taught him the value of hard work, family and Italian-American pride. When Scott was a child in Mount Hope, his grandfather Franco Lancianese (his namesake), a bar and store owner, would sneak sweets to him and his cousins Karen, Cheryl, Shaun and Lenora as they watched their poppie run the business. Scott shadowed his other grandfather J.A. Blackburn, as the real estate developer built houses around Bradley - including the family home Scott helped lay stone by stone, a home that remains with Anthony and Adelina today.

After graduating from Woodrow Wilson High School in Beckley, Scott followed Franco and Pasco into the coal mines in the late 1970s and eventually rose to the role of superintendent. He's remembered by other miners as a man who ran a tight ship - prioritizing efficiency and safety, but leading with humor and an unwavering care for the wellbeing of his men. He was the kind of boss who required you to work until a task was done right but would always make sure you made it home to your family at the end of the day.

In 1996 he was honored by Elk Run Coal Company for courage during a mine accident, and in 2013 he won the inaugural Homer Hickam Collier Award from Marshall University for his commitment to the profession. Later in life, he became something of an activist, advocating for coal miners with black lung disease, other disabled people and healthcare workers on a national scale.

But what Scott was most proud of was the family he built with his wife Vickie, who he married in 1989. Vickie and Scott met at White Oak Country Club golf course, in a clever meet-cute orchestrated by Vickie's younger brother Vic Phillips, Jr. Scott thought Vickie was the most beautiful woman he had ever met, inside and out. The two were a match made in heaven, and became a blended family with Scott's son Anthony from a prior marriage. In 1994, they had their daughter Adelina. Scott gave them a good life, eternally proud to see Anthony get a higher education at Virginia Tech and Adelina at Georgetown University.

Aside from Vickie, Anthony and Adelina, Scott is survived by his beloved grandchildren Lincoln and Shafer Lancianese, Anthony's wife Jennifer Lancianese, dear mother-in-law June Scearce, aunt Ann Nagye, and a gaggle of siblings-in-law, cousins, nephews and nieces, both biological and spiritual.

Although Scott was an only child, he's also survived by the miners and neighbors he considered brothers: Kyle Bane, Dale Catlett, Shane Clark, Shannon Dickens, Dave High (and wife Angela), Donald Marcus, Tommy Mobley, Hobert Powers, Bill Roop, Joel Thompson and Doug Williams.

He leaves behind the dogs and "grand-dogs" who sat faithfully by his side and brightened his days: Mazie, Winnie, Rainy, Rhubie, Felix and Dottie.

Scott's life is a testament to seeking out the light, a light that now envelops him in warmth and love, and a light that shines down on everyone who misses him dearly.

A celebration of Scott's life will take place in summer 2027. The family asks that in lieu of flowers, donations be made to: Hospice of Southern West Virginia, Esophageal Cancer Action Network, Appalachian Citizens' Law Center, West Virginia Public Broadcasting and Maxwell Hill Baptist Church.

The family extends special appreciation to the healthcare providers at Raleigh General Hospital, Encompass Health & Rehabilitation, CenterWell and Bowers Hospice House.

Private online condolences and other expressions of sympathy may be directed to the family via our guestbook at www.roseandquesenberry.net.

Arrangements are by Rose and Quesenberry Funeral Home, 1901 South Kanawha Street, Beckley, WV.

Rose & Quesenberry Funeral Home
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Shirley Ann Lewis

Sep. 29, 2026

Shirley Ann Lewis, age 87, of Beaver, WV, passed away Tuesday, September 29, 2026.

Visit www.roseandquesenberry.net for service details.

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

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Brandon Link

Oct. 28, 2026

Brandon Link, age 47, of Daniels, WV, passed away on Wednesday, October 28, 2026.

Visit www.roseandquesenberry.net for service details.

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

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Pamela Ann Massey

Pamela Ann Massey, age 66, of Lester, WV, passed away on Tuesday, October 27, 2026.

Visit www.roseandquesenberry.net for service details.

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

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Faith Alexandria Mills

Oct. 14, 2026

Faith Alexandria Mills, age 14, of Flat Top, WV, went home to be with her Lord and Savior Jesus Christ on Wednesday, October 14, 2026.

Visit www.roseandquesenberry.net for service details.

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

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Randall Royal

Oct. 1, 2026

Randall Royal, age 68, of Mount Hope, WV, passed away Thursday, October 1, 2026.

Visit www.roseandquesenberry.net for service details.

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

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Elder Virgillious Moon Glenn

1937 – 2026



BECKLEY — Elder Virgillious Moon Glenn of Beckley WV was born December 28, 1937 in Cocho, WV to the late Alex Mack "Zannie" and Ruth McDaniel Moon.

She departed this life Tuesday, October 6, 2026 at Beckley HealthCare Center.

Elder Virgillious (Jill) was reared in Raleigh, WV. She received her early education from Fayette and Raleigh County schools and graduated from Stratton High School in Beckley, WV in 1956.

Elder Virgillious moved to Beckley after she married her high school sweetheart, Harold Edward Glenn, Sr. on June 22, 1957 and remained united in marriage for 45 years, until his death in 2002; To this union, they had three sons, Harold "Sput" Jr., Randall and Paul.

Elder Virgillious accepted Christ at an early age, her spiritual foundation began with her service, work and participation at Faith Chapel African Methodist Episcopal Church in Raleigh, WV, where her parents made sure, she attended every Sunday. She served as recording secretary of Faith Chapel AME for seven years.

Elder Virgillious later joined New Bethel Temple United Holy Church on Mool Ave. under the Pastoral leadership of then Rev Alvester McConnell Sr. She received the baptism of the Holy Ghost under the leadership of Elder W. M. Neal.

Elder Virgillious, during her membership of over sixty years at New Bethel, served on various boards and auxiliaries, as well as held numerous offices within the local church and on the WV convocation district level.... She was appointed secretary in 1961after the church was first organized in 1960, served on the Usher Board, a member of the church choir, president of the Senior Mission and faithfully attended Sunday School and taught Bible Study.

Elder Virgillious, shortly after joining New Bethel, received her call to the ministry in 1970, was licensed to preach, ordained as an Evangelist and later elevated as an Elder in United Holy Church of America, Inc.

Elder Virgillious's first sermon was "God's Deliverance" with scripture reference from Daniel 3:17.

Elder Virgillious was appointed assistant secretary, recording secretary for fifteen years and served on the Board of Presbyterian and Board of Elders on the WV Convocation District level of the United Holy Church of America, Inc.

Elder Virgillious, during her ministry at New Bethel Temple, served as Assistant Pastor until the death of Bishop Alvester McConnell, Sr. She was later appointed pastor; however, after the church was dissolved, Elder Virgillious joined Manna House Ministries on "F" St. in Beckley, WV, under the leadership of Bishop Herman Bryant, where she served as 2nd Assistant Pastor and chaired the Pastor's Aid Committee, remaining a faithful member until her passing.

Elder Virgillious was blessed with several of God's gifts and many talents. The gifts that others saw manifested most in her life were the gifts of Healing and Faith.

Elder Virgillious was a prayer warrior, a preacher, a teacher and one of God's anointed servant leaders.

Elder Virgillious's spiritual name amongst her siblings and family was "Sister Faith", for one could witness her God-given trust in times of trial and tribulation.

Elder Virgillious, during her earlier years, was a homemaker, worked in domestic services and was employed in various establishments including Glenn's Vista Variety Shop in Beckley. Later, she became an entrepreneur, specializing in Homemade "Heavenly" Rolls, mouthwatering desserts and unique gift wrapping. Her unique skills and talents also included cooking and decorating, as well as designing her signature hats.

"Jill" loved her family, never met a stranger, loved her friends, loved shopping every day, serving God and helping His people.

Elder Virgilllious was preceded in death by her parents, Alex Mack "Zannie "and Ruth McDaniel Moon; husband, Harold Edward Glenn Sr.; sons, Harold Edward Glenn, Jr. and Paul Lamonte Glenn Sr.; brothers, George Robert Moon and Nathaniel Moon and sister, Irene Moon.

Elder Virgillious leaves to treasure her memory her son, Randall (Rose) Glenn of Covina, CA; 5 grandsons, Jerome (Tina) Cousins, Brandon Nelson, and Paul Glenn Jr., all of Beckley, WV, Avery Brandon Glenn Brooks of Newport News, VA, and Devin Glenn of Covina, CA; 8 granddaughters, Qianna (Oliver) Badolo of White Plains, MD, Tia Grose of Zephyrhills, FL, Kiara Sanders of Morgantown, WV, Serenity Glenn of Beckley WV, Peyton Glenn of Beckley, WV, Charmetta Oakes of Hampton, VA, Jaleesa Oakes of Hampton, VA, Brittany Berry of Mesquite TX; 22 great-grandchildren; a number of great-great-grandchildren; 4 brothers, Mack Moon of Beckley, WV, Sterling Moon of Raleigh, WV, Joseph (Velma) Moon of Buckeye, AR, and Michael Moon of Salisbury, NC; 6 sisters, Melissa Moon Carter of Carson, CA, Juanita Moon Humphrey of Apple Valley, CA, Viola (David) Moon Rowe of Raleigh, NC, Virgie Moon Glenn Morrow of Beckley, WV, Carrie (Tyrone) Moon Daniel of Odessa DE, and Ruth Moon Davis of Covington, GA; brother-in-law, Marvin (Shirley) Glenn of Atlanta, GA; sister-in-law, Theresa Moon of Riverside, CA; 2 former daughters-in-law, Valissa Procter of Hampton, VA, and Sinceree Glenn of Beckley, WV; 27 nieces and nephews, a host of great and great-great-nieces and nephews, 1aunt, Earnestine Mc Daniel Hurtte of Oscola, FL; Goddaughter, Jasmine Gray of Elizabeth Town, KY; nephew Mark Glenn, whom she called her son; niece, "her namesake" Michelle Virgillious Gray; special sister friend, Mozelle Smith of Beckley, WV, and a host of cousins, other relatives and friends.

One of Elder Virgillious' favorite scriptures was "Psalm 116: 1-2

1"I love the Lord, because he hath heard my voice and my supplications.

2. Because he hath inclined his ear unto me, therefore will I call upon him as long as I live."

Elder Virgillious, a powerful, prolific, proclaimer of the word, began every sermon with "His Eye Is On The Sparrow"

Jill, you're now singing because you're happy. You're now singing because you're free. We know his eye is on the sparrow...

He's watching over us and He's still watching over thee. Forever In Our Hearts

Your Family

Funeral service will be 12:00PM Saturday, October 24, 2024 at Manna House Ministries 700 F St. Beckley. Burial will follow in Blue Ridge Memorial Gardens, Prosperity.

Friends may view and visit with the family one-hour prior.

Email condolences to ritchiejohnsonfuneralparlor@gmail.com.

Arrangements entrusted to Ritchie & Johnson Funeral Parlor, Beckley.

Kelli Georgette Sharp

Nov. 19, 1975 – Oct. 16, 2026



IRVINE — Kelli Georgette Sharp, loving daughter, sister, colleague, and friend, passed away unexpectedly.

Kelli was born in Beckley, West Virginia on November 19, 1975 (4 lbs, 13 ounces). She enjoyed a loving childhood with her parents Rick and Jessica Sharp and younger brother Ryan Sharp. At the age of 13, the family moved to Charlottesville, Virginia where Kelli made many life-long friends. She attended Albemarle High School, and then Hollins Women's College where she earned a degree in bio-chemistry. In 1999, she moved to California to help found the Christopher Reeve-Irvine Research Center for spinal cord injury. In recent years she has taught physical therapy and rehabilitation for the University of California, and served as the professor and chair of the Department of Dance.

Kelli is preceded in death by her grandmother Betty Wheelock, her father Rick and her brother Ryan. She is survived by her mother Jessica, her stepfather Dan Snead, her aunt Sue Shapiro, her cousins Linsday, Alix, Sydney, and Brianna, her stepsiblings Jason, Justin and Jenni, and many, many dear friends.

Any donation to Access Mammoth in Kelli's honor would be greatly appreciated: https://accessmammoth.org/support/

Meldie Whitt

Oct. 8, 2026

Meldie Whitt, age 88, of Beckley, WV, passed away Thursday, October 8, 2026.

Visit www.roseandquesenberry.net for service details.

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

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David Wilson

Oct. 22, 2026

David Wilson, age 51, of Beckley, WV, passed away Thursday, October 22, 2026.

Visit www.roseandquesenberry.net for service details.

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

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Ethel Pearl Plumley

Oct. 18, 2026

Ethel Pearl Plumley, age 79, of Piney View, WV, went home to be with the Lord on Sunday, October 18, 2026.

Visit www.roseandquesenberry.net for service details.

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

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Susan Elaine Roebuck

Oct. 16, 2026

Susan Elaine Roebuck, age 79, of Beckley, WV, passed away on Friday, October 16, 2026.

Visit www.roseandquesenberry.net for service details.

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

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Judy Lynn Thompson

Oct. 14, 2026

Judy Lynn Thompson of Daniels, WV, passed away October 14, 2026.

Visit www.roseandquesenberry.net for service details.

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

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Jason Garrett Underwood

Oct. 18, 2026

Jason Garrett Underwood, 48, a native of Beckley, WV, passed away Sunday, October 18, 2026, Pittsburgh, PA.

Visit www.roseandquesenberry.net for service details.

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

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Mabel J. Berry

Mabel J. Berry, age 84 of Carmichaels, Pa. passed away on October 11, 2026. She was born June 22, 1948 in Grant Town, W.Va. to Gordon and Glady Dennison. To view a complete obituary please visit www.lesakofh.com

Peter "Pete" Dinardi, Sr.

Peter "Pete" Dinardi, Sr., 71, passed away on Thursday, October 15, 2026, in Morgantown. Friends and family will be received at St. Mary Roman Catholic Church,3346 University Ave., Morgantown, on Monday, October 26th from 1 -3 and 5-7 PM. A Mass of Christian Burial will take place at the church on Tuesday, October 27th at 10:00 AM with Fr. Gary Naegele as celebrant. Following the mass, cremation services will be provided.



Hastings Funeral Home is entrusted with arrangements and online condolences may be made at www.hastingsfuneralhome.com.

Clifford "Sonny" Hill

Clifford "Sonny" W. Hill, 90, of Colfax passed away Thursday morning October 15, 2026 at his residence. He was born on July 19, 1936 in Hanover, New Hampshire son of the late Edward and Dollie Myrel Knight Hill.



Sonny retired from United Dairy formerly Garvin's Dairy. He was a veteran and served in the United States Army.

Sonny is survived by his children; Crystal and Thomas Anderson of Colfax, Greg and Lori Hill of Fairmont. He is also survived by three grandchildren, Jordane Hill, Quinton (Makayla) Hill and Hannah (Ryne) Harris, four great-grandchildren Braelyn Sowell, Zian Sowell, Aurora Harris and Milani Hill. He is also survived by two step-grandchildren, T.J. Anderson and Natasha Anderson, and three step-great-grandchildren, Brody Anderson, Easton Anderson and Brayden Lantz.

In addition to his parents he is preceded in death by his wife Margaret Gump Hill on March 17, 2016 and his sister Sheila Prahl.

Family will receive friends at Ross Funeral Home 801 Fairmont Avenue Fairmont on Monday, October 19, 2026 from 6-8:00 p.m. Funeral Services will be held on Tuesday at 11:00 a.m. at the funeral home with Pastor Jim Zinn officiating. Interment will follow at West Virginia National Cemetery.

Marion County Honor Guard will conduct Military honors at the cemetery

Condolences sent to www.rossfh.com.

Ross Funeral Home

Richard Lee Gillett

Richard Lee Gillett, 76, of Fairmont, passed away on Thursday, October 15, 2026 at Fairmont Medical Center. He was born August 31, 1950 in Fairmont a son of the late Walter Wood Gillett and Bonnie G. Freeland Gillett Murray. Rick is survived by his loving wife, Sherry L. Boord Gillett.



Rick was a member of the Rose of Sharon Church in Fairmont and was a graduate of Hermitage High School in Richmond, V.A. Rick with his brother Bob Gillett, owned and operated Gillett Repair Service in Fairmont for over 40 years. Rick enjoyed the outdoors and loved camping at Smoke Hole. He restored many old cars throughout his life.

In addition to his wife, Rick is survived by his siblings, Walter "Gene" Gillett of Georgia, Charles "Tom" and his wife Ann Gillett of Florida, and his sisters-in-law, Linda Gillett, Connie Gillett and Becky Boord, all of Fairmont, as well as many nieces and nephews, and special friends, Janet and Jonnie Hinerman of Fairmont.

Rick was preceded in death by his brothers, Jack Gillett and Robert Gillett, as well as his sister and her husband Karen "Ann" and Thomas Barnes, and his in-laws, Herbert and Betty Boord.

Memorial donations may be made in Rick's memory to the Rose of Sharon Church, 105 Maplewood Drive, Fairmont, WV 26554 or the Parkinson's Foundation, 1350 Broadway, Ste 1530, New York, NY 10018, www.parkinson.org.

The family has entrusted the arrangements to Ford Funeral Home, 201 Columbia Street, Fairmont, WV. Private services will be held with Pastor K.P. Musgrove officiating. Entombment will follow at the Mt. Zion Cemetery and Mausoleum in Fairmont, WV. Online condolences may be made to www.fordfuneralhomes.com.

Ford Funeral Home

Terry Lynn Messenger

Terry Lynn Messenger, 67, of Morgantown, West Virginia, passed away in the early morning hours of Wednesday, October 21, 2026, following a courageous battle with liver disease.

Hastings Funeral Home has been entrusted with arrangements and a full obituary can be found at www.hastingsfuneralhome.com.

Hastings Funeral Home

Matthew Patrick Elliott

Matthew Patrick "Matt" Elliott, age 49 of Mannington, West Virginia passed away Thursday, October 29, 2026 at his residence. He was born March 6, 1977 in Fairmont, WV, a son of Rhonda Elliott of Mannington.



He is survived by his two children, Collin (Hannah) Elliott, and Sophia Elliott (and her mother Amanda Williams). Matt was also survived by three sisters, Erin Dunigan, Megan Murray and Kelly Shelton; a nephew Morgan Nicholas; his aunts and uncles, Donna Jo, Jody (Jessie), Debbie (Ronnie), Brenda (Chet), Joe Pat, and Bryan (Shari), several cousins, a step-son Gage Carpenter, special friends Michelle and Gary, and his grandfather Spencer Angel.

Matt was preceded in death by his grandfather Don "Apaw" Elliott and his grandmother Jo'an "Mam" Angel.

Matt worked as an Electrician but he loved being in the woods and spending time with his son going fishing. He also loved "squabbling" with his mother! But the love and apple of his eye were his two children, Collin and Sophia.

Family and friends may call at Masters Funeral Home in Mannington, WV on Friday, November 6, 2026 from 10:00am to 1:00pm with funeral services beginning in the funeral home at 1:00pm with Evangelist Craig Matheny officiating. Interment will follow at the Mannington Cemetery.

Masters Funeral Home

Pearley Lemasters

Pearley Lemasters Jr., 90, of Fairmont, West Virginia peacefully passed away on Saturday, October 3, 2026, at the Pierpont Center. He was born on November 24, 1935, in Fairmont, West Virginia, a son of the late Pearley and Tillie (Basnett) Lemasters Sr.



Pearley was a graduate from East Fairmont High School and went on to work in construction before retiring from Valley General. In his free time, he enjoyed hunting, fishing, and tending to his garden.

Left to cherish his memory are three brothers, Bob (Arletta) Lemasters of Fairmont, West Virginia, Frank Lemasters of Virginia, and Paul (Billie) Lemasters of Fairmont, West Virginia; three sisters, Mae Lemasters of Fairmont, West Virginia, Helen Kraemer of New Jersey, and Myrtle Engelmeyer of Virginia; and several nieces, nephews, and cousins.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by four sisters, Alta Lemasters, Alice Lemasters, Beatrice Burton, and Lillan Lemasters; and one brother, Harold Lemasters.

Family and friends may call at the Carpenter and Ford Funeral Home, 209 Merchant Street, Fairmont, West Virginia, on Thursday, October 8, 2026, from 1:00 pm until 8:00 pm and again on Friday, October 9, 2026, from 10:00 am until the time of service at 11:00 am. A funeral service will be held on Friday, October 9, 2026, at 11:00 am with Pastor Jim Zinn and Pastor Jackie Chambers presiding. Interment will follow at the Grandview Memorial Gardens.

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

Carpenter and Ford Funeral Home is honored to serve the Lemasters family.

Carpenter & Ford Funeral Home

Catherine Lou Marsh



Catherine Lou Davis Duckworth Marsh, age 70, of Fairmont, WV was called home to be with Jesus on October 11, 2026.

Catherine was born in Sutton, WV on January 13, 1956, to Clyde and Estel Davis. She married the first love of her life, Karl Duckworth, in 1974 who preceded her in death. Catherine was blessed to marry the second love of her life, Ethan Allen Marsh, in 1993.

Catherine is survived by her loving husband as well as two daughters and five grandchildren: Laura Lea (Duckworth) Nulph, husband Daniel, children Titus, Cain and Evie, and Andrea Dawn (Duckworth) Burnside, husband Scott, children Noah (wife Ava) and Faith. Her grandchildren were her pride and joy and what she considered her greatest accomplishment.

Catherine is also survived by her siblings Jeannie Freeman, Wanda Freeman (Gary) and Brenda Sammons (Junior) and very special in laws Greg Nestor and Carol Davis.

Catherine was preceded in death by her infant son, her parents, brothers Herbert, Donald and Leroy Davis, and her sisters Lorena Teter, Karen Freeman and Carolyn Nestor.

Catherine spent the early years of her marriage as a devoted mother and wife. She later worked for over 25 years as a server, making lifelong friendships with coworkers and customers alike. Her family and friends were kept in her constant thoughts and daily prayers, and she offered her love and support wherever it was needed. Catherine had an unshakeable love, faith and trust in Jesus Christ. She was happiest when surrounded by her family, especially her grandchildren.

In Catherine's memory, memorial contributions may be made to the FMC Cancer Center Comfort Fund at give.wvu.edu code 2W2049.

Services for Catherine will be held privately at the convenience of her family. Condolences may be expressed to the family at www.wrightfuneralhomeservices.com

Ralph Dale Mullenax



Ralph Dale Mullenax, age 83 years, a resident of Fairmont, WV departed this life Sunday afternoon, October 18, 2026. Death was unexpected.

He was born Sunday, July 4, 1943, at Parsons, WV, a son of the late Lawrence Edward Mullenax and Reatis Fay Fansler Mullenax. On February 27, 1987, at Oakland, MD, he was married to the former Paula Ellen Stewart, who survives at Fairmont, WV.

Also surviving are one son, Kevin Dale Mullenax and wife Sharon of Morgantown; one sister, Linda Hedrick and companion Junie Harper of Elkins; six grandchildren, Ashley Brown and husband Kyle, Cassandra Mullenax, Olivia Mullenax, Amy Deasy, Troy Linn and wife Brandii and Casey Linn; seven great grandchildren, Avaya Brown, Xavier Brown, Abel Bolyard, Abyona Mullenax, Tyrus Mullenax, Kaden Linn and Zayne Linn; and nieces, nephews and cousins.

Preceding him in death is one brother, Denzil Allen Mullenax.

Ralph had attended the schools of Sugarlands, was a graduate of Parsons High School, with the class of 1961 and a graduate of West Virginia University with a Degree in Electrical Engineering. He spent his career as an electrical engineer with Mon Power, retiring in 2008 and returning back to Mon Power for another ten years. Ralph enjoyed his days working on the farm, and when he wasn't working on something, he enjoyed driving on country roads.

The family will receive friends at the Lohr & Barb Funeral Home of Parsons, WV on Thursday, October 22, 2026, from 11 AM to 1 PM. Final rites will be conducted at the funeral home on Thursday at 1 PM. Pastor Daniel Rogers will officiate and interment will follow at the Bethel Cemetery at Holly Meadows. The Lohr & Barb Funeral Home is honored to be in charge of the arrangements for Ralph Dale Mullenax. Condolences may be expressed to the family at www.lohrbarbfuneralhome.com

Edman E Rice



Edman E Rice, 92, of Fairmont, WV went home to be with his Lord and Savior on Wednesday, October 7, 2026.

He was born on August 8, 1934, in Morgantown, WV the son of the late Howard and Goldie (Fluharty) Rice.

Edman graduated from University High and went on to serve his country in the United States Navy. Edman worked as a postal worker and a school bus driver in Morgantown, WV but his passion was his ministry. Edman was a brethren pastor in Morgantown, Fairmont and surrounding areas and loved to share Jesus with others. He enjoyed his horses, picnics, riding his motorcycle and doing everything he could with his family.

Left to cherish his memory are his wife Katherine (Moore) Rice, children Terry (Karen) Rice, Rhonda (Edward) Southern, Edward (Belinda) Rice, step daughter Betty Lamar, grandchildren: Kevin (Samantha) Rice, Kimmy Sue Rice, Stephanie Southern, Jennifer Travelstead, Tiffany (Josh) Davis, Tyler (Summer) Rice, Travis Rice, Hannah (Seth) Jeffries, Kelly (Bobby) Teets, Tammy (Robbie) Davis, Holly (Donny) Kisner, Lacey (Kyle) Orchard, Tristin (Devin) Rossiter, 16 great grandchildren and 1 great great grandchild, brothers Cecil (Connie) Rice, Robert Rice, sister Sue (Duane) McCarty and several nieces and nephews.

Edman was preceded in death by his parents, his first wife Shirley Ann (Harrington) Rice, brother Harry Rice, step grandson Declan Thomas Kerr, grandson in law Josh Travelstead, stepson Paul Joseph Groah and sister-in-law Betty Rice.

Family and friends may call at the Carpenter & Ford Funeral Home, 209 Merchant Street, Fairmont, West Virginia, on Sunday, October 11th from 2:00 pm to 6:00 pm and at the Victory Baptist Church, 1875 Morgantown Ave, Fairmont, West Virginia on Monday, October 12th from 10:00 am until the time of the service at 11:00 am. Pastor Nathan Barker will officiate the service and interment will follow at the Beverly Hills Memorial Gardens with full military rites performed by the United States Navy and the Marion County Honor Guard.

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

Carpenter and Ford Funeral Home is honored to serve the family of Edman Rice.

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Joseph Franklin Plum

Joseph Franklin Plum III, beloved Dad, Papaw, Brother, and Friend went to be with the Lord and reunite with his loved ones on October 18th, 2026.



Joe was 85 years young and entered into eternal life surrounded by his loving family, following a long, full and active life.

Joe was born on May 3rd, 1941 in Fairmont, West Virginia to the late Joseph and Florence (Tims) Plum. He was a graduate of East Fairmont High School in 1959 and took several classes at Fairmont State College.

Joe's parents moved to a farm on Morgan Ridge in 1955, where his dad taught Joe the importance of agriculture and a strong work ethic, both of which he would keep for his whole life and pass down to his children and grandchildren.

Joe had many professions, trades, and businesses throughout his life. Joe was a mail carrier early in life and a sergeant in the U.S. Army Reserves, followed by owning several businesses including, Conaway Feed Store, JoAaron Trucking LLC, Middletown Construction, J&S Land and Cattle Corporation, and a tractor shop. Joe was a superintendent for Mountaineer Contractors for over 15 years. Most notably throughout his life, Joe was a farmer. After a hard day's work, Joe would come home and tend to his farm on Bunner Ridge.

Joe passed his love for agriculture down to his grandson, Shane, who he loved dearly. The bond they shared was truly special. Joe held a defining role in Shane's life from early on that shaped him into the person he has become. Shane is eternally grateful for the time spent with Joe and the lessons, knowledge, skills, and traditions that were passed down that meant so much to Joe. Joe's legacy will continue on through Shane for as long as he lives.

Joe is survived by his loving children, JoAaron (Michael) Efaw of Fairmont and Sheena (Rodney) Matthews of Fairmont. Joe is also survived by a special grandson that he regarded as his son, Shane Plum of Fairmont. Joe also leaves behind his loving grandchildren, Tressa Plum, Adrianna Efaw, Danielle Efaw, Matthew Kirk, Zachery Kirk, and Ethan Sykes; his brother Robert "Bob" (Ruth) Plum of Fairmont; his nephew David Plum; niece Annette Plum, and many, many friends and neighbors that were made throughout his life.

Joe was a devoted father and grandfather who loved his family and took great pride in the lives they built. Each family member carries a part of Joe's legacy, and the memories they shared with him will remain close to their hearts.

Faith and love of Jesus were important pinnacles in Joe's life that he passed down to his family. He was a member of the Fairmont First Church of the Nazarene.

Joe loved to spend time at his Florida vacation home in the winter where he made many friends throughout his later years. He was very much delighted when his daughters or grandson would vacation with him as well.

Joe made many friends in his long, productive, and fulfilling life. He helped many along the way without any expectation of repayment. Joe was a pillar of the Bunner Ridge Community. Joe's life was defined by faith, perseverance, family, farming, and a strong work ethic. Joe received great satisfaction from working hard and passing his values down to his family. Joe leaves behind much more than just memories, he leaves behind a family, a farm, and a legacy built through years of dedication, knowledge, and love.

Joe's passing leaves a space in the hearts of his friends and family that can never possibly be filled. His influence will be evident in the generations that follow him. Joe's stories will be remembered, his lessons will be carried on, and his cherished family will continue his legacy as a reminder of the life he built.

Joseph Franklin Plum III will be deeply missed and forever remembered by all who knew him. Joe's legacy will live on.

A memorial service will be held for Joe on November 7th, 2026 at the Bunner Ridge Community Building in Fairmont, West Virginia. Family and friends may gather beginning at 1:00pm, with the service beginning at 2pm, officiated by Pastor Andy Newman. A dinner will follow directly after the service.

"And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes, and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away."

Revelation 21:4

June Snodgrass Shaver

June Snodgrass Shaver of Mannington, age 100, beloved aunt and devoted follower of Jesus, passed peacefully onward to her Heavenly reward on Saturday, October 24, 2026, where she was undoubtedly welcomed by her family and her Savior. She left behind a family who mourns as she rejoices. June was born at Seven Pines, delivered by Doctor Flowers, the daughter of Herschel and Hazel Snodgrass, the fifth of seven children.



June is survived by her sister, Nada Spencer, many nieces, nephews, great-nieces and great-nephews, neighbors and friends. June was preceded in death by her husband of 61 years, Dave Shaver; her parents, and siblings, Kathryn Sims; George Snodgrass; Marie Toothman; Edgar Snodgrass; Lee Snodgrass; and several nieces and nephews.

June graduated from Mannington High School in 1943. Shortly afterward she moved with her friend Helen Hays to Ravena, OH, where she worked at Atlas Powder Company until the end of the war. She then immediately began working at Westinghouse in Fairmont.

Eighteen-year-old Dave waited for June to grow up while he went off to war. Dave was busy serving our country and painting June's name on his Army trick and sending pictures ofit home to her. June was so gracious and loving to her mother that she remained at home until her late twenties to help and even then told her mother she still hated to go. Her mother replied to her that she wasn't going very far. June and Dave were married June 18, 1953, at the Everson Baptist Church and moved into their forever home in nearby Blackshere.

June retired from Westinghouse after 39 years in 1984. After her retirement, June became known as the Walking Lady, walking miles every day, happily greeting everyone and making new friends along the way.

June and Dave loved collecting antiques and visiting with friends. They enjoyed their travels to many fairs, Washington D.C., Myrtle Beach, and Akron to visit her beloved sister Kathryn and the rest of the Sims family. But perhaps their most special times were entertaining Seven Pines' friends on the front porch of the Shaver Farm every Sunday.

Always devout in her faith, June attended Rymer Church as a child and was a lifelong member of the Seven Pines Church.

June was a gift to her many nieces and nephews. She secured a place in their hearts that no one else could ever hold. June was a link to the wonderful childhood her nieces and nephews experienced every Sunday at Seven Pine with the large extended Snodgrass clan. Humble and kind, funny and smart, persevering into the last years of her life alone without her husband and most siblings, cheering on the Huskies, the Pirates, the Steelers, and WVU, citing stats and records. June was a sport fan like no other until her last days. She will be missed by so many. What an amazing woman June was!

"I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. Henceforth there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will award me on that Day, and not only to me but also to those who have loved his appearing."

2 Timothy 4:7-8

Friends will be received at Hutson Funeral Home, 500 E. Main St. Mannington, on Saturday, October 31st, from 11:00am until the time of the funeral service at 2:00pm. Myron Harper will officiate the service. Interment will follow at the Mannington Memorial Park Cemetery. Online memories and condolences can be shared with the family at hutsonfuneralhomes.com

The Hutson Funeral Home is honored to serve the Snodgrass - Shaver family.

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