



Clyde Arl Keaton

April 6, 1933 – June 1, 2011

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Clyde Arl Keaton, of Pipestem, W.Va., was born on April 6, 1933, to James Howard and Ruth Wyrick Keaton. Clyde went to his heavenly home on Wednesday, June 1, 2011, at his home where he was surrounded by his loving family and pastor by his side.

Clyde was born in Lerona and was a graduate of Hinton High School. Clyde served in the United States Army during the Korean Conflict from June of 1953 until May of 1955. He had received the National Defense Medal and the Good Conduct Medal. After the war, he returned to West Virginia to marry the love of his life, Rosa Lee Butler, on December 24, 1955. He then enrolled in trade school in Chicago, Ill., to become a tool and die maker and moved to Blacksburg, Va. He was employed at Litton Industries, Poly Scientific for 33 years where he made many lifelong friends and raised his family.

After retiring in 1993, he returned to the family farm in Pipestem where he and Rosa restored the family home and he enjoyed the farm life until being called home. Clyde was a devoted husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather and brother. Clyde attended the Lerona United Methodist Church.

In addition to his parents, Clyde was preceded in death by his twin brother, Carl Erl Keaton; along with a granddaughter, Brianna Kelsey Speaks.

He is survived by his loving and devoted wife, Rosa Butler Keaton; children, Eddie Keaton, Jo Lynn Price and husband, Daniel, and Deena Sexton and husband, Bobby, all of Blacksburg, Va.; grandchildren, Christina Snider, Debra Snider, Carl Openshaw, and Danny Price, all of Blacksburg, Va., Lori Bostwick and husband, Sam, of Pearisburg, Va., Bobby Joe and Nikki Newman, of Pembroke, Va., Nikki Wilcher and husband, Joe, of Elliston, Va., and Olivia and Mitchell Keaton, of Columbia, S.C.; and great-grandchildren, Garth Boles, Mazzy Price, Tyler, Britny, Karly, and Alexis Speaks, Ethan Gray, Kolton Openshaw, Cooper Bostwick and Hayleigh Abbott, Kaitlyn, Melody and Alex Wilcher; the last member of his immediate family, his sister, Maxine Mann, of Pipestem; brother-in-law, Willie Butler; sisters-in-law, Neva Reed and Mary Ann McManaway; and a host of nieces and nephews.

On Saturday, June 4, 2011 at 1 p.m., we will celebrate the life of Clyde Keaton from the Burns Wornal Chapel of the Memorial Funeral Directory on the Athens Road in Princeton with Pastor Rick Chester officiating. Burial will follow in Roselawn Memorial Gardens in Princeton with Military Honors being conducted by the West Virginia Honor Guard.

A time of gathering and sharing with the family will be held on Friday, June 3, 2011, from 6 until 8 p.m. at the funeral home. Serving as pallbearers will be members of Clyde's family, Bobby Jo, Bernard, Rick and Wayne, Scotty, Mitchell and Donald.

The honor of serving the Keaton Family has been given to the Memorial Funeral Directory & Cremation Center on the Athens Road in Princeton, W.Va.

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