

Alpha Vernon Ratcliffe
August 26, 1929 – August 11, 1993

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ALPHA VERNON RATCLIFFE

Alpha Vernon Ratcliffe, 63, of Leatherwood Rd., died at 11:53 a.m. Wed. Aug. 11, 1993, in a Beckley hospital following a short illness.

Born Aug. 26, 1929, at Nimitz, he was the son of the late Issac Vernon and Bertha Fitzpatrick Ratcliffe.

A lifelong Nimitz resident, Mr. Ratcliffe was a retired mechanic for Grady Whitlock Ford, Beckley, with 31 years of service. He was a U.S. army veteran who served in the Korean War and a member of the Jumping Branch Gospel Tabernacle.

He was preceded in death by a

brother, Leslie Ratcliffe.

Survivors include his wife of 42 years, Ruth Meadows Ratcliffe; a son, Danny Ratcliffe and his wife, Linda, of Nimitz; two brothers, Thomas and Franklin Ratcliffe, both of Nimitz; two sisters, Martha Martin of Pipestem and Addie Maddy of Nimitz; a grandson, Jesse Ratcliffe, and a granddaughter, Jamie Ratcliffe, both of Nimitz.

Services were held at 2 p.m. Fri. Aug. 13 at the Jumping Branch Gospel Tabernacle with the Rev. Elmo Alderman officiating. Burial followed in the Ratcliffe Family Cemetery, Nimitz.

The body was at the Ronald Meadows Funeral Parlors, Hinton, and at the church.

Nephews served as pallbearers.

Arrangements by Ronald Meadows Funeral Parlors, Hinton.