

Class of 1967

Passed Classmates

Obituaries

The Hinton High School Class of 1967 graduated 152 Seniors. Many spread out all over the United States. Some stayed in our beloved Summers County. One by one, we pass on. Gone but never forgotten. Rest in peace, dear friends. Some day we'll be there to rest beside you.

INDEX

Document is arranged in DOD order.

You can select a Classmates name or scroll down to view each obituary.

LAST NAME ORDER	DOD ORDER	DOD	AGE
Darrell Willis Adkins	James William Fox	1/29/1971	21
James Melvin Bowles	Wilma Jean Simmons Campbell	8/14/1971	21
Charles Rogers Bowling	David Marshall Morgan	8/30/1971	26
Thomas Okey Cales	Jewel Ann Lilly Hufford	12/12/1977	30
Lola Ann Crawford Dees	Brenda Carol Hicks Allen	12/4/1979	31
Sue Ellen Davis Snook	Eddie Arnold Garten	3/27/1980	30
James William Fox	Opie Earl Massie	4/7/1982	32
Eddie Arnold Garten	Charles Rogers Bowling	9/16/1991	42
Ruth Gail Hartwell Angell	Joseph Leroy Jolliffe	9/15/1997	48
Robert Stewart Haythe	Freddie Edwin Lowe	12/28/2001	52
Brenda Carol Hicks Allen	Darrell Willis Adkins	2/15/2004	54
Joseph Leroy Jolliffe	William Andrew Wyrick	10/8/2004	55
Sidney Leroy Keaton	Thomas Okey Cales	10/19/2005	56
Sharon Lou Lane Waddell	James Melvin Bowles	6/9/2006	56
Betia Jo Leftridge	James McKinley Richmond	10/6/2007	58
Jewel Ann Lilly Hufford	Sue Ellen Davis Snook	11/11/2008	59
Margaret Lilly Blankenship	Judith Lynn Pullen Richardson	12/11/2011	63
Ronald Lee Lilly	Sharon Lou Lane Waddell	11/14/2012	63
Freddie Edwin Lowe	Virginia Mae Wills Harvey	9/2/2013	65
Helen Lucas Elwell	Ronald Lee Lilly	1/25/2014	64
Opie Earl Massie	Lola Ann Crawford Dees	5/26/2014	65
Stephen Ross Meadows	Betia Jo Leftridge	5/01/2015	66
Thomas Lee Miller	Thomas Lee Miller	11/9/2015	66
David Marshall Morgan	Margaret Lilly Blankenship	12/21/2015	66
Judith Lynn Pullen Richardson	Charles "Eddie" Willey	12/25/2015	66
Stephen Wayne Reed	Ruth Gail Hartwell Angell	3/2/2016	67
James McKinley Richmond	Sidney Leroy Keaton	9/9/2016	69
Shirley Kay Richmond	Patricia Williams O'Bryan	11/18/2016	67
Wilma Jean Simmons Campbell	Stephen Wayne Reed	1/18/2017	67
Charles "Eddie" Willey	Billy Ray Wills	2/2/2017	67
Patricia Williams O'Bryan	Shirley Kay Richmond	2/22/2017	68
Billy Ray Wills	Stephen Ross Meadows	3/19/2017	67
Virginia Mae Wills Harvey	Robert Stewart Haythe	5/4/2017	68
William Andrew Wyrick	Helen Lucas Elwell	1/6/2018	68

[Top](#)

[Top](#)



James William "Billy" Fox
May 2, 1949 – January 29, 1971
(From Findagrave.com)

SGT James William "Billy" Fox, 21, of Brooks, was killed Friday morning in an automobile accident in Tacoma, Washington.

Born May 2, 1949, in Hinton, he was the son James and Mabel Wills Fox, of Brooks, where he had lived all of his life until enlisting in the US Air Force in December 1967.

Sgt Fox had been stationed at Tachoma since April 1970 after completing a tour of duty in Vietnam. He was a member of Church of Christ at Hinton.

In addition to his parents, survivors include his wife, Lajuana Johnson Fox of Tacoma, one son, William Brian, at home, two sisters Mrs. Rita Jean and Jane Ellen Fox, both of Brooks, paternal grandmother, Lottie Church of Hinton, and maternal grandparents Rev. W.M. Wills of Hinton.

Funeral services will be conducted at 2 p.m. at the Hinton Church of Christ by Evangelist George Irwin.

Burial will follow at the Fox Cemetery in Brooks with military graveside rights.

[Top](#)



Wilma Jean Simmons Campbell
December 17, 1949 – August 14, 1971
(From Hinton News – August 19, 1971)

Funeral services for Mrs. Wilma Jean Simmons Campbell were held August 17 at Cunningham-Mont Castle Funeral Home in Woodridge, VA.

Mrs. Campbell, daughter of the late Phill and Frances Simmons of Hinton, died in DeWitt Army Hospital, Fort Belvoir, VA after an automobile accident near there.

Survivors include her husband, Ronald S. Campbell of Woodridge, VA; and sisters, Mrs. Sara Foster, Hinton, Mrs. Phyllis Allen, Manassas, VA, and Mrs. Luzana Howard, Woodridge.

Burial was at Mount Comfort Cemetery, near Woodridge

[Top](#)



David M. Morgan
September 17, 1944 – August 30, 1971
(From Findagrave.com)

David M. Morgan, 26, of Sharples, formerly of Hinton, died at 9:45 p.m. Monday after a short illness.

Born in Hinton, September 17, 1944, he was a son of Kyle and Chrystal Parker Morgan of Hinton.

He had lived most of his life in Hinton and two years in Sharples.

Morgan was employed as a draftsman by the Boone County Coal Company, was graduated from Hinton High School and the West Virginia Rehabilitation Institute and also attended West Virginia State College.

He was a member of the Cook's Chapel Regular Baptist Church and a former member of the Hinton Jaycees.

Survivors include his wife, Bonnie Taber Morgan, a sister, Mrs. Martha Rookstool of Talcott; three half-brothers, Eugene of Ravenswood, Leo Of Bridgeport, Connecticut and Albert of Williams, Virginia and two half-sisters, Mrs. Norma Artman of Fairfield, Connecticut and Mrs. Kathleen Pasicki of Easton, Connecticut.

[Top](#)

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday at the Greenbrier Regular Baptist Church at Ronceverte with Reverend Nelson Pettit in charge. Burial will be in the church cemetery.

The body will remain at the Ronald Meadows Funeral Parlor at Hinton where friends may call after noon today.

Members of the Hinton Jaycees will serve as pallbearers.

September 1, 1971, transcribed by Rhonda Holton

[Top](#)



Jewel Ann Lilly Hufford
October 20, 1947 – December 12, 1977
(From Findagrave.com)

Jewel Lilly was the daughter of Norma and John Lilly.

She was born in Beckley in 1947. She graduated from Hinton High in 1967. Jewel worked in the lab at the Bluefield Sanitarium and was married to Bob Hufford at Jumping Branch Baptist Church on June 6, 1969.

She was very good at working with children and she was a wonderful Sunday school teacher.

She lost her battle with cancer in Beaufort, South Carolina in 1977.

[Top](#)



Brenda Carol Hicks Allen
February 15, 1948 – December 4, 1979
(From Hinton News – December 6, 1979)

Mrs. Brenda Carol Allen, 31, of Willowwood Road died Tuesday at 3:35 p.m. in Hinton Hospital of an apparent heart attack.

Born Feb. 15, 1948, in Summers County, she was the daughter of Broaddus O. and Nila Cox Hicks.

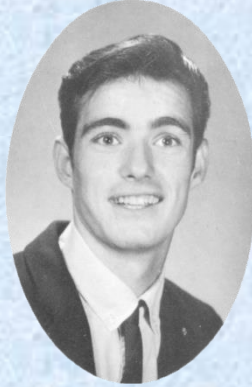
Owner and manager of Hicks Floral in Hinton and the Alderson Floral in Alderson, Mrs. Allen was a member of the Powley's Creek Freedom Baptist Church in Hinton, Talcott Chapter 139, Order of Eastern Star, White Shrine in Hinton and the Moose Lodge.

She was graduated from Hinton High School and the Richmond Computer School in Richmond, VA.

Survivors include her parents, her husband, James J. Allen, a daughter, Denise Carol, at home; a sister, Melisa Lynn Hicks of Willowwood Road, Hinton and her grandmother, Mrs. Mona Cox of Hinton.

The body is at the Lobban Funeral Home in Alderson.

[Top](#)



Eddie Arnold Garten
October 8, 1949 – March 27, 1980

(From Hinton News – April 1, 1980)

(Text taken from poor quality original scanned with page folded)

Eddie Arnold Garten, 30, died after midnight Wednesday when his car rammed into the rear of a tractor-trailer near Hinton. He was killed instantly, spokesman for the Summers County Sherriff's Department said.

Born in Summers County, October 5, 1949, Mr. Garten was the son of Walter and Ruth Lilly Garten of Hinton.

He lived most of his life in Hinton having lived in Bramwell for the past five years. He was an Army Veteran of the Vietnam conflict.

Mr. Garten was a former representative of the Kentucky National Insurance Company.

His brother, Jimmy Garten, was also killed in an automobile accident in December.

Survivors include a daughter, Terri Leigh Garten of Bluefield, VA; three brothers, Ronnie Garten of Clearwater, FL, and Keith and Charles, both of Hinton; and five sisters, Mrs. Lorinda Richmond of Hinton, Mrs. Drema Burner of Stuttgart, Germany, Mrs. Elizabeth Long of Lindside, Mrs. Sarah Hamm of Beaver, and Betty Ann Canterbury of Ballengee.

Services were held Monday at 11 a.m. in the Ronald Meadows Funeral Parlors in Hinton, with Revs. Ronald Heath and Lawrence Bennette officiating. Burial followed at the Rocky Mount Cemetery in Pipestem.

[Top](#)



Opie Earl Massie
November 6, 1949 – April 7, 1982
(From Hinton News April 14, 1982)

Opie Earl Massie Jr., 32 of 115 Main Street in Hinton died Wednesday April 7 at home.

Born Nov. 6, 1949, in Summers County, he was a son of Opie E. Massie Sr. of Hinton and Donna Coleman Bragg of Brooks.

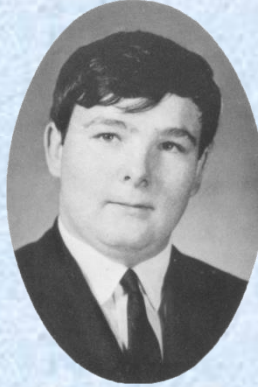
He had lived most of his life in Summers County, having lived in Hinton for the past 10 years, was a member of the Upland Baptist Church and Air Force Veteran.

Survivors include a sister, Mrs. James (Edith) Sparks of Flat Woods, KY.

Services were held Saturday April 10 at 2 p.m. at Ronald Meadows Funeral Parlors in Hinton with the Rev. George Cook officiating. Burial followed at the Upland Cemetery.

Cousins served as pallbearers.

[Top](#)



Charles Rogers Bowling

February 5, 1949 – September 16, 1991

(From Mountain Messenger, Lewisburg, WV – Sep. 26, 1991)

Charles Rogers Bowling, 42, died September 16, 1991, at his home.

Born February 5, 1949, at Hinton, he was the son of Virginia Lively Bowling and the late Charles J. Bowling.

Mr. Bowling was employed by Pinecrest Hospital, Beckley, and attended the Brooklyn Methodist Church near Hinton.

Other survivors include two brothers, Keith and his wife, Shirley Bowling, and Ronnie and his wife Mona Bowling, all of Hinton; two sisters, Sandra Neely of Lewisburg and Mrs. Dempsey (Brenda) Webb of Pipestem, a close friend, Margaret Plumley of Hinton, and 11 nieces and nephews.

Graveside services were held at Restwood Memorial Gardens, Hinton, with Reverends Aubrey Rickman and Bill Thompson officiating.

Visitation was at E.M. Meadows Funeral, Hinton.

Pallbearers were Tommy, Grant and Wyatt Hinton, Terry Wayne Vest, Leonard and Mark Meador.

[Top](#)



Joseph Leroy “Joe” Jolliffe
January 16, 1949 – September 15, 2007
(From Ronald Meadows Funeral Parlors September 2007)

Joseph Leroy “Joe” Jolliffe, 58, of Hinton, died at 10:15 Am. Saturday, September 15, 2007 at his home, following a long illness.

Born January 16, 1949 at Hinton, he was the son of Mrs. Hattie Faye Bragg Jolliffe of Hinton and the late Thomas Benton Jolliffe.

Joe was a Timberman, a member of the Freedom Baptist Church on Powley’s Creek and a U.S. Army Veteran of the Viet Nam Conflict.

Preceded in death by; two sisters, Ida Mae Jordan and Helen Ayers; one brother, Thomas “Bo” Jolliffe; three nieces, Christina Jolliffe, Regina Jordan and Teresa Ward and one nephew, Thomas Michael Jolliffe.

Survived by; one son, Jimmy Williams of Hinton; one daughter Amanda Jolliffe of Hinton; one brother, Bill Jolliffe of Hinton and one sister, Aretha Ward of Pipestem; four grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

At his request, his body has been cremated.

Private services will be held at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations of sympathy be made to the American Cancer Society.

[Top](#)



Freddie Edwin Lowe
March 5, 1949 – December 28, 2001

(From Hinton News – Jan. 1, 2002)

Freddie Edwin Lowe, 52 of Jumping Branch, went to be with the Lord at 4:05 a.m. Friday, Dec. 28, 2001 following a long illness.

Born March 5, 1949, in Jumping Branch, he was the son of Georgia Underwood Lowe of Jumping Branch and the late Will Fred Lowe.

Mr. Lowe was a former employee of Lewis Chevrolet and Earehart Motors of Beckley, an Army veteran of the Vietnam conflict and a member of the Disabled American veterans and Mary Jane Memorial Methodist Church.

He was also preceded in death by an infant brother, Charles Frederick Lowe; and a sister, Mary Ellen Lowe Granam

Other survivors include his wife, Gethel “Gail” Blackburn Lowe; two sons, Albert Patrick Lowe and Michael Dean Lowe, both at home; a daughter Patricia Darlene Russell at home; a foster son, Brandon Sykes at home; three brothers, Arnold Wayne Lowe and his wife, Geraldine of McAndrews, KY, and Albert L. Lowe and his wife Paulette, and Roy Keith Lowe and his wife Deborah, all of Jumping Branch; a sister, Ella Louise Taylor and her husband, Willie James of Huddy, KY; a brother-in-law, Leroy Granam and his wife, Wilma, of Akron, OH; three grandchildren; several nieces and nephews; friends; and other family members.

[Top](#)

Services were held at 2 p.m. Sunday, December 30th at Mary Jane Memorial Methodist Church, Jumping Branch, with Pastor Larry Bolen officiating. Burial followed at Sluss Cemetery, Mount View Road.

Family and friend served as pallbearers.

[Top](#)



Darrell Willis Adkins
January 20, 1950 – February 15, 2004
(From Hinton News – February 24, 2004)

Darrell Willis Adkins, 54, of Upland, Summers County, died Sunday morning, Feb. 15, 2004 at his home, following a short illness.

Born Jan. 25, 1950, in Summers County, he was the son of Erie W. (John) and Ida Irene McBride Adkins of Upland.

Darrell had lived most of his life in Hinton and was a disabled construction worker and a U.S. Army veteran of the Vietnam Conflict.

Besides his parents, he is survived by a son, Aaron M. Adkins, LTJG U.S. Navy of Charleston, SC; three brothers, Wilfred Adkins and wife, Carolyn, and Vincent Adkins and wife, Wanda, all of Upland and Larry Adkins and wife, Sharon of Elkins; several aunts, uncles, nieces and nephews also survive.

Service was held at 2 p.m. Wednesday, February 18 at the Ronald Meadows Funeral Parlors Chapel in Hinton with Rev. Paul Zutaut officiating. Burial followed in the Upland Cemetery near Hinton.

Friends called from 6 to 9 p.m. Tuesday, February 17 at the funeral parlor.

Pallbearers were Clay Holland, Todd Yancey, Stephen Brown, Josh Cales, Timmy Cyrus, Buck Brown and Jennings Wheeler.

Arrangements by Ronald Meadows Funeral Parlors, Hinton.

[Top](#)



William Andrew “Andy” Wyrick
February 27, 1949 – October 8, 2004
(From Memorialfd.com)

Mr. William Andrew “Andy” Wyrick 55, of Hc-78 Box 47-B, Pipestem passed away Friday October 8, 2004 at the Princeton hospital following a sudden illness.

Born February 27, 1949 in Mercer County. He was the son of the late Basil D. and Bonnie Williams Wyrick.

Andy was a Quality control technician working with Bluestone paving for 27 years and for the last 4 years worked for West Virginia Paving. He was a 1967 graduate of Hinton High School and was a member of the Maranatha Baptist Church on the Oakvale road in Princeton.

Survivors Wife of 33 years Mary Apostolon Wyrick of Pipestem; Children Andrea Barr and husband Chris of Pipestem, Carrie Wyrick of Pipestem William Jabe Wyrick of Pipestem; Sister Shirley Bryant and husband Johnnie of Magnolia, TX; Mother-in-law Margaret Apostolon of Hinton; Brother-in-law Dr. Bill Apostolon and wife Andrea of Wheeling; Sister-in-law Sarah Seidler and husband Dr. Dave of Charleston; Uncle Joe Williams of Lerona; Nieces and Nephews, Johnnie and Michael Bryant of Texas, Leann Oglesbee of Texas, Grant Calhoun of Charleston, Nate Williams of Charleston, Ryan Foster of Wheeling, Adrienne Apostolon of Wheeling, and Michael Apostolon III of Wheeling; Several Friends.

[Top](#)

Funeral Services will be held Monday October 11, 2004 at 11:00 A.M. from the Burns Wornal Chapel of the Memorial Funeral Directory on the Athens Road in Princeton with the Rev. Wallace Smith and Rev. Junior Osborne officiating.

Burial will follow in the Rocky Mount Cemetery at Pipestem. Friends may call today from 6 to 8 P.M. at the Funeral Home or by online condolences at www.memorialfd.com.

Pallbearers will be Nathen Brookman, Eddie Brookman, Jason Powell, Richard Powell, Robert Farley, Aaron Neely, Dempsey Lee Webb and Robert Spangler. Honorary Pallbearers will be men he had worked with. Richard Nowlin, Stewart Dickerson, Jack 'Scooter' Smith, Donnie Nowlin, Robert Nowlin, Jr., Walter Jennings and Timmy Sparks

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

[Top](#)



Tom O. Cales
November 11, 1948 – October 19, 2005
(From Genealogybank.com)

Tom O. Cales, 56, of Hardy, went to be with the Lord on Wednesday October 19, 2005.

He was a well-known musician in the Roanoke Valley and all over. He was a member of the Lake Drive Church of Christ. Tom was a U.S. Army veteran and a master of many trades.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Harlow and Carrie Cales; and a brother, Reggie Cales.

Surviving are his wife, Mary Cales; daughter, Asenath Cales; sons, James "Chester" Cales, Donnie Cales and wife, Katrina, all of Hinton, W.Va.; grandchildren, Laura "Nichole" Cales, Jesse Cales, Harlow Cales and Donnie Cales, Jr.; brothers, Billy "Jack" Cales, Sr., and Bobby "Joe" Cales of Hinton, W.Va.; nephews, Michael Cales, Bobby Cales, Billy "Jack" Cales, Jr., Steve Cales, Albert Cales, Eric Cales, Mike Massey, Roger Massey, Christopher Gray and Anthony Gray; nieces, Lori Northcutt, Bridgett Karlson, Carmen Cales, Susan Dawn Dickenson, Becky Keaton and Priscilla Massey.

A memorial funeral service will be at the Lake Drive Church of Christ, 11 a.m. Saturday, October 22, 2005 with Preacher Tommy Blewett officiating.

The family requests no flowers.

[Top](#)



James M. Bowles
December 19, 1949 – June 9, 2006
(From Pivont Funeral Home June 2006)

James M. Bowles, 56 of Jumping Branch, died at 9:50 p.m. Friday June 9, 2006 in CAMC Memorial Division in Charleston following a long illness.

Born December 19, 1949 in Hinton, he was the son of Marjorie O'Bryan Bowles of Hinton and the late Lester A. Bowles.

Mr. Bowles was a retired locomotive engineer for CSX Transportation Corporation. He was a member of the United Transportation Union & the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers.

He was preceded in death by an uncle and aunt with whom he made his home, Marion & Vergie O'Bryan.

Besides his mother, survivors include his wife, Catherine Fox Bowles. One son, Gregory J. Bowles of Allentown, PA. One daughter, Christi R. Bowles of Morgantown, WV. Three brothers, Kenny Bowles & wife Pinky of Erie, PA, Eddie Bowles and Randy Bowles & wife Michelle, both of Nimitz. Four sisters, Freda Wallbaum & husband Joe of Parkersburg, Iowa, Lila Meadows & husband Jay of Brooks, WV, Sherri Cook & husband Robert of Jumping Branch, WV and Terri Jones of Lewisburg, WV. Six nieces and nephews also survive.

[Top](#)

Funeral services will be held at 3:30 p.m. Monday June 12, 2006 at Pivont Funeral Home Chapel in Hinton. Burial will follow in the O'Bryan Cemetery at Hix.

Friends may call from 6 until 9 p.m. Sunday evening at the funeral home.

[Top](#)



James McKinley “Jim” Richmond
August 25, 1949 – October 6, 2007
(From Meaningfulfunerals.net)

James McKinley “Jim” Richmond, 58, of Bolt, passed from this life on Saturday, Oct. 6, 2007, at the St. Mary’s Hospital in Huntington following a sudden illness.

Jim was born on Freezeland Mountain, near Hinton, on Aug. 25, 1949, to the late Owen McKinley and Sarah Belle Hogan Richmond.

Mr. Richmond was a salesman for Hughes Supply Co. and was a U.S. Army veteran.

He was preceded in death by his sisters, Betty Lowery and Virginia Bowman.

Survivors include his wife, Deanna Williams Richmond; children, William “Bill” Richmond of MacArthur, James Richmond, Jr. of MacArthur, Craig Cobb of Beckley, Lori and her husband, Chuck Lester, of Holly Mills, and Thomas “Punkin” Cobb and wife, Melanie, of Seymour, Tenn.; two grandchildren, Dylan and Kendra; two sisters, Rachel Rucker and husband, Eddie, of Shady Spring and Etta Feltz of Beckley; numerous nieces and nephews; and his buddy, “Target.”

Funeral service will be 11 a.m. Wednesday at the Rose and Quesenberry Peace Chapel in Beckley, with Elder Richard Hurst officiating. Burial will follow at the Richmond Cemetery at Freezeland Mountain.

[Top](#)



Sue Ellen Davis Snook
February 9, 1949 – November 11, 2008
(From Findagrave.com)

Sue Ellen Snook, 59, passed away on Tuesday, Nov. 11, 2008.

Born Feb. 9, 1949, in Clifton Forge, Va., Sue Ellen was the daughter of the late Vivian Kirby Davis and Frances Van Lear Davis.

She grew up in Hinton, W.Va., and attended Concord College in Athens, W.Va., where she met her husband. Together they settled in Stillwater, where she lovingly and caringly raised five children. A past substitute school teacher at Stillwater and North Warren schools, she was also assistant store manager of Country Gifts in Branchville, and was most recently a counter manager at Macy's in Ledgewood.

Sue Ellen was preceded in death by her sister, Jane Bugg.

She is survived by her husband, Randall Todd Snook; her son, Jeffrey Kyle Snook of Bedford, Texas; four daughters, Michele Ellen Kaminskyj of West Milford, Monica Sue Snook of Charlotte, N.C., Jamie Christine Snook of Morristown, and Kirby Ashton Snook of Wilmington, N.C.; two sisters, Ann Farley of Hinton, and Virginia Wiley of Columbus, Ohio; and two granddaughters.

Visitation will was held at the Smith-McCracken Funeral Home, in Newton. A burial service was held in Mountain View Cemetery in Clifton Forge.

Published in The New Jersey Herald on November 12, 2008

[Top](#)



Judith Lynn Pullen Richardson
June 13, 1948 – December 11, 2011
(From Jacksonvillememorygardens.com)

Judith Lynn Pullen Richardson, 63, passed away on December 11, 2011, in the Orange Park Medical Center, in Orange Park, FL of an apparent heart attack.

Mrs. Richardson was born in Ogden, UT, on June 13, 1948. She grew up in Hinton, WV, and graduated from Hinton High School in 1967. Her parents are Raymond O. Pullen (Deceased) and Phyllis D. Pullen of Jacksonville, FL. She married David (Richie) Richardson formerly Hinton, WV, in 1967 and they have resided in Jacksonville, FL for the past 43 years.

She is preceded in death by her father, Raymond O. Pullen, sister Pamela Sue Pullen, and brother Michael R. Pullen.

She is survived by her husband of 44 years, David (Richie) Richardson; daughter, Tammera Paul (Kevin) of Jacksonville, FL; son Timothy Richardson (Susan) of Jacksonville, FL; sister Rebecca A. Connard (Grant) of Beckley, WV; brothers, Rev. David D. Pullen (Juanita) of Tallahassee, FL; and Phillip D. Pullen (Tammy) of Jacksonville, Fla.; and 3 grandchildren.

[Top](#)

Mrs. Richardson retired after 25 years as a waitress for Red Lobster restaurants and was a housewife who was an exceptional cook and had a remarkable talent for interior decorating. She was an active member of The Church at Argyle and actively participated in the Apron Angels Bible Study Groups. She had a congenial personality, infectious smile and was adored by her family by everyone who knew her.

A memorial service will be held at The Church at Argyle, 6823 Argyle Forest Boulevard, Jacksonville, FL 32244, at 11:00 a.m., Friday, December 30. Officiants will be Rev. David Pullen and Rev. Rick Painter. Anyone desiring to meet with family will begin one hour prior. Place of interment will be held on a future day in Jacksonville National Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, the family has asked to please make donations to your American Heart Association affiliate, or online at the following URL:
http://honor.americanheart.org/site/TR/Events/General?pxfid=233120&fr_id=1030&pg=fund

Arrangements by Jacksonville Memory Gardens Funeral Home, Orange Park, FL

[Top](#)



Sharon Lane Waddell
March 12, 1949 – November 14, 2012
(From Broyles-shrewsbury.com)

Sharon L Waddell, age 63 of Ballard, died Wednesday November 14, 2012 at Princeton, WV.

Born March 12, 1949 at Forest Hill, WV, she was the daughter of the late James H. and Lelia B. Lucas Lane.

Sharon was a CNA and a homemaker. She was of the Christian Faith. In addition to her parents she was preceded in death by her son David W. Waddell, Jr.; one brother, James E. Lane; one sister, Wanda L Bragg, a infant brother and sister.

Survivors include her husband, David W. Waddell, Sr.; one son, Jeffrey Waddell of Ballard, WV; three sisters, Wilda Goodall and husband Sam, Gloria Shortridge and husband Arnold all of Peterstown, WV, and Wilma Redden and husband Charles of Jumping Branch, WV; her mother-in-law, Liza Waddell of Greenville, WV.

Funeral services will be 1:00 P.M. Monday November 19, 2012 at the Broyles-Shrewsbury Funeral Home Chapel, Peterstown, WV., with Minister Henry Conley officiating. Burial will follow at the Green Hills Cemetery, Union, WV.

Friends may call from 6:00 P.M. until 8:00 P.M. Sunday November 18, 2012 at the funeral home.

Dale, Bryon, and Michael Shortridge, Randy Redden, Dennis and Dean Bragg will serve as pallbearers.

[Top](#)



Virginia Mae Wills Harvey
August 14, 1948 – September 2, 2013
(From Pivont Funeral Home – September 2013)

Virginia Mae Harvey, 65 of Tug Creek Road, Hinton, died at 3:55 p.m. Monday September 2, 2013 at Bowers Hospice House in Beckley following a long illness.

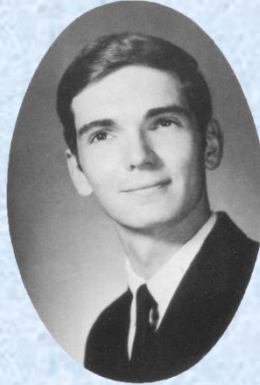
Born August 14, 1948 in Hinton, she was the daughter of the late Roy (Jack) and Vada Gill Wills. Virginia was a former employee of the West Virginia State Prison for Women at Pence Springs. She was a graduate of Hinton High School and was of the Baptist faith.

Besides her parents, she was preceded in death by three brothers, Russell, Raymond and Teddy Wills, and also by a sister, Janice Harman.

Survivors include a daughter, Terri Hensley of Hinton. One brother, Roger Wills of Hinton. Four sisters, Shirley Bowling & husband Keith, Cassie Chewning & husband Darrell and Anita Cox & husband Cecil, all of Hinton and Angie Crewey & husband Ray of Pipestem. Three grandchildren, Candice, Trisha and Chance Hensley, all of Hinton. A special close friend, Pete Cox of Hinton.

Graveside services and burial will be held at 1:00 p.m. Thursday September 5, 2013 at the Wills Family Cemetery on Tug Creek Road near Hinton with Pastor Cecil Cox officiating. There will be no visitation. Those wishing to attend the service are asked to meet at the cemetery. Nephews will serve as pallbearers..

[Top](#)



Ronald Lee “Ronnie” Lilly
March 10, 1949 – January 25, 2014
(From Pivont Funeral Home January 2014)

Born March 10, 1949 in Hinton, he was the son of the late Russell F. and Gladys Eloise Meadows Lilly.

Ronnie was a 1967 graduate of Hinton High School and earned a degree in criminal justice from Bluefield State College. He was a Marine Corps veteran of the Vietnam War, serving as a radio operator. Ronnie was a former deputy for the Summers County Sheriff’s Department and a former police officer for the City of Hinton, serving as Chief of Police for several years.

An avid hunter and fisherman, he had a great love of the outdoors and was particularly known for his love of deer hunting. He served as Secretary-Treasurer of Dawn Sportsman’s Club in Summers County. Ronnie was a heart transplant patient in 1990 at Duke University Medical Center. He was a lifelong resident of Hinton.

Survivors include his wife of 42 years, Vickey Murphy Lilly. A son, Austin Lilly and wife Aleshia of Hinton. Two granddaughters, Avery and Annalyn Lilly. A brother, Russell Lilly of Ohio and a cousin, Linda Burdette of Beckley.

At Ronnie’s request, the body has been cremated and a private family interment will be at a later date.

“Home the Hunter from the Hill”...

[Top](#)



Lola Ann Crawford Dees
May 6, 1949 – May 26, 2014
(From Nicefuneralhome.com)

Lola Ann Crawford Dees, 65, of Scott Hill, Clifton Forge died Monday, May 26, 2014 at her residence.

She was born in Hinton, West Virginia on May 6, 1949, a daughter of the late Fred Clarence and Lola Crawford.

She was retired Unit Secretary at Pembroke Pines General Hospital in Pembroke Pines, Florida, and was Past President of the Broward Eagle Motorcycle Club in Florida. Mrs. Dees attended the Oak Hill Bible Church in Clifton Forge as well as the Gospel Tabernacle Church of God in Covington. She loved the Miami Dolphins.

She is survived by 2 daughters, Vicki Hall and husband Johnny of Clifton Forge, and Julie Brackenridge and husband Mark of Selma; 5 grandchildren, Kimmie Hostetter, Victoria Hall, Karly Brackenridge, Savannah Carter and Macyn Carter; a great grandchild, Elisa Hostetter. Mrs. Dees is also survived by her many loving friends and neighbors at Scott Hill.

She was preceded in death by a daughter Michele Lynn McKinney and long-time companion, Ralph "Mac" McNair.

In keeping with her wishes, her body was cremated. There will be no service at this time.

Arrangements are being handled by Nicely Funeral Home.

[Top](#)



Betia Jo Leftridge
March 3, 1949 – May 1, 2015
(From Legacy.com)

On May, 1, 2015, of Temple Hills, MD. She is survived by one son, Derrick Leftridge; four sibling, Shirley Leftridge, Mattie Nelson, Jacqueline McNeil and Rushon Colin; 11 grandchildren and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and other relatives and friends.

Visitation: Friday, May 8, 2015 Guiding Light Refuge Church, 1 51st St., SE, Washington, DC from 9 a.m. until hour of service at 11 a.m.

Arrangement by McLAUGHLIN FUNERAL HOME.

Published in the Washington Post May 7, 2015

[Top](#)



Thomas Lee “Tommy” Miller
August 3, 1949 – November 9, 2015
(From Obitsforlife.com)

Thomas Lee Miller, 66, of Colonial Heights, Virginia, lost his battle with cancer on Monday, November 9, 2015.

Tommy was preceded in death by his parents, Carroll and Ruth Bishop Miller; brother, George Miller; and grandson, James Chambers.

He is survived by his wife, Sallie Chambers Miller; sons and daughters-in-law, Rob and Misty Chambers, Matthew and Victoria Chambers, and, Brian Chambers. He is also survived by his grandchildren Joshua, Noah, Sallie, Finn, Arianna, and Kathryn; great-grandchildren, Eli, Joshua Jr., and Scarlett; and finally, his nephews, Phillip and Mark.

A proud member of the Hinton High class of 1967, Tommy has remained active with his class and their community activities.

A memorial service will be held at 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, November 21, 2015 at Faith Lutheran Parish, 8211 Prince George Drive, Disputanta, Virginia 23842, with the Reverend Jimmy Taylor officiating.

Tommy loved his cats and the family asks that in lieu of flowers, donations be made to Adopt Rescue Cats Inc., www.arc-cats.org.

Funeral arrangements are being handled by E. Alvin Small Funeral Homes and Crematory, 2033 Boulevard Colonial Heights

[Top](#)



Margaret Ann Lilly Blankenship
October 1, 1949 – December 21, 2015
(From Beckley Register-Harold - Dec. 24, 2015)

On Monday, December 21, 2015, our most cherished, Margaret Ann Lilly Blankenship went home to be with her Mom, Dad, brother and sister. A resident of Cool Ridge, Margaret was 66 years of age. Margaret passed away at the Bowers Hospice House following a long illness.

Born October 1, 1949, she was the daughter of Lundy Mason and Tina Beatrice Pack-Lilly.

Margaret enjoyed spending time with her grandsons, Mason and Elijah. She was accomplished in cooking, famous for her sweet potatoes.

Margaret was a homemaker and loving wife for 36 years to her late husband, Wayne Herald Blankenship. She has spent the last three years of her life in the Hilltop Nursing Home, where she was adored by so many of the caretakers there that she considered them family.

Those left to cherish her memory are her two daughters, Jodi Farley and husband, Joe of Cool Ridge and Brandi Blankenship and companion, Kenny Garrett of Ghent; her nephew, Bob Willy who was more like a brother to her and his wife,

[Top](#)

Betty of Ghent; and finally her two loving grandsons, Mason Wayne Farley and Elijah Alan Lester.

Margaret's services were private. She was laid to rest in the Blue Ridge Memorial Gardens at Prosperity.

And the words, "Sleep in Heavenly Peace," will have such a different meaning this Christmas...

Arrangements are by the Melton Mortuary and Cremation Center. Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.meltonmortuary.com.

[Top](#)



Charles E. "Eddie" Willey, Jr
April 11, 1949 – December 25, 2015

(From Ronald Meadows Funeral Parlors December 2015)

Charles E. "Eddie" Willey Jr., 66, of Hinton went home to be with the Lord Friday, December 25, 2015 following a short battle with cancer.

Born April 11, 1949 at Hinton he was the son of Katherine Young Willey of Hinton and the late Charles E.

Willey Sr. Eddie was a 1967 graduate of Hinton High School, member of the Brotherhood of Operating Engineers #132, Heavy Equipment Operator for many years working for numerous companies, retiree from the WVDOT with 31 years of service having served as Assistant Superintendent. Served the City of Hinton as Asst. Fire Chief for many years and was the Founder and Co-Owner of Southern Mortuary Service.

Eddie currently joined his new family for the past 4 years at the Ronald Meadows Funeral Parlors as a Funeral Attendant and most importantly as a close friend. Eddie's desire was to regain his health and to come back to work for as long as he could. He enjoyed operating heavy equipment, gardening, the outdoors, doing

[Top](#)

every task to perfection and spending time with his family, friends and his grandchildren. Eddie was a loving, devoted and loyal husband, father, grandfather and friend.

Besides his mother those left to cherish his memory include his devoted wife of 47 years, Linda “Connie” Willey of Hinton; his son, Arthur “Cubby” Willey and wife Jennifer of Niceville, FL; his daughter, Stephanie Elkins and husband Terry of Hinton; two grandchildren, Cameron Jean Willey and Zachary Cole Willey both of Niceville, FL; one sister, Kathy Rice and husband Wayne of Hinton; one brother, Johnny Willey of Hinton; one niece, Lori Willey of Hinton; three nephews, Corey Lambert and wife Casey of Lewisburg, Cody Rice and wife Dianne of Bluefield, VA and John Willey of Grand Junction, CO; one great niece, Kendall Willey; one great-great nephew, Easton Willey; Lifelong friend, Luther Wills Jr. and many special friends too numerous to list.

Funeral services will be held 1:00 pm Monday, December 28, 2015 at the First Baptist Church of Hinton with Pastors Robbie Merritt and Jeff Canterbury officiating.

Burial will follow in the Indian Mills Cemetery. Friends may call from 6-8 pm Sunday, December 27, 2015 at the Ronald Meadows Funeral Parlors and one hour prior to service time at the Church.

Jake Taylor, Joe Blankenship, Dale Hedrick, Steve Hedrick, Ben Sears, Ralph Trout and Seth Snavelly will serve as pallbearers.

Luther Wills Jr., Ronnie Smith, Proctor Kirk, Franklin Bowles, Cole Willey and the staff of the Ronald Meadows Funeral Parlors will serve as honorary pallbearers.

[Top](#)



Ruth Hartwell Angell
February 22, 1949 – March 2, 2016
(From Pivont Funeral Home March 2016)

Ruth Hartwell Angell, 67 of Hinton went home to be with the Lord on Wednesday March 2, 2016 with her loving family by her side at her home following a long illness.

Born February 22, 1949 in Hinton, she was the daughter of the late Kenton and Irene Hodge Hartwell.

Ruth was a member of Beech Run Baptist Church for over 20 years where she served as treasurer. Ruth loved cooking, crafts, reading and puzzles, but most of all her joy was the children at her church.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by three sisters, Lois Cook, Hilda Creasy and Barbara Hartwell, and three brothers, Jim, David and Tom Hartwell.

Left to cherish her memory include her devoted husband of 47 years, Sonny Angell and her two sons, Scott Angell and wife Donna and Steve Angell and wife Michelle all of Hinton. Five grandchildren and four great grandchildren. One

[Top](#)

sister, Betty Lamb and husband Donzie of Princeton. Seven brothers, S.K. (Bud) Hartwell of Beallsville, OH, Bill Hartwell and wife Judy, Roger Hartwell and wife Bernice, Ralph Hartwell and wife Judy, all of Hinton, Dan Hartwell and wife Valerie of Maryland, Gary Hartwell and wife Judy of Wayside, WV and Ronnie Hartwell of Charlotte, NC.

Funeral services will be held at 2:00 p.m. Saturday March 5, 2016 at Pivont Funeral Home Chapel in Hinton with Pastor Bob Combs officiating. The family will receive friends from 12:00 p.m. until time of services on Saturday at the funeral home. In keeping with Ruth's wishes, the body will be cremated following the service.

[Top](#)



Sidney Leroy Keaton
April 1, 1947 - September 9, 2016
(From Memorialfd.com)

Sidney "Leroy" Keaton, 69, of Pipestem, died peacefully early Friday morning, September 9, 2016 at home with his loving family by his side.

Born, April 1, 1947, in Bellpoint, he was the son of the late Senate & Helen Lee Thompson Keaton. Leroy retired as a tractor trailer driver and drove for more than 25 years for Princeton Ready Mix. He was a avid farmer, loved hunting, wild life and gardening.

A graduate of Hinton High School, he served honorably with the U.S. Army during the Vietnam Conflict and of the Baptist faith.

Leroy is survived by his loving wife of 45 years, Karen Ann McKinney Keaton; Two loving children: Kimberly Hurst & husband Terry, of Princeton; Sidney Scott Keaton & wife Stephanie, of Union; Two grandchildren: Taylor Lee Keaton and Tyler Thomas Hyatt; Siblings: Curtis Pack and Barbara Keaton, both of Martinsburg, Sue Jones of Wayside, and Rebecca Clinebell, of Hinton. A host of nieces and nephews.

Services to celebrate the life of Sidney "Leroy" Keaton, will be held on Monday, September 12, 2016 at 2:00 P.M. from the Burns Wornal Chapel of the Memorial Funeral Directory on the Athens Road in Princeton with Pastors Gerald McKinney

[Top](#)

and Doug Steele officiating. Full military honors will be provided by the Mercer County Honor Guard, with burial at the Cook Cemetery at Pipestem.

Friends may visit with the family Sunday, September 11, 2016 from 3:00 P.M. until 6:00 P.M. at the funeral home.

Nephews will serve as pallbearers.

[Top](#)



Patricia Elizabeth Williams O'Bryan
January 17, 1949 – November 18, 2016
(From Pivont Funeral Home – November 2016)

Patricia Elizabeth O'Bryan, 67 of 148 Forrest Ave. Beckley, died at 5:35 p.m. Friday November 18, 2016 at Bowers Hospice House.

Born January 17, 1949 at White Oak, she was the daughter of the late Charlie and Emma Palmer Williams.

Patricia was a 1967 graduate of Hinton High School and completed the Summers County School of Nursing program in 1982. She was a retired Licensed Practical Nurse having worked at Jackie Withrow Hospital in Beckley. Pat was a member of Central Baptist Church in Hinton and loved bowling and going to flea markets.

She was preceded in death by a son, Carson O'Bryan, one brother, Robert Williams and one sister, Janet Richmond.

Survivors include two sons, Edward L. O'Bryan, Jr. & wife Michelle of Shady Spring and Jason O'Bryan & wife Rachel of Summersville. One brother, Fredrick Williams of Lowell. One sister, Enna Mary Richmond of Hix. Nine grandchildren, Michael Hoke, Edward Lee O'Bryan, III, Christopher O'Bryan, Ashleigh Taylor, Aaron O'Bryan, Dustin Hoke, Courtney Taylor, Caitlyn O'Bryan and Emmalee O'Bryan. Two great grandchildren, Adrienne Hoke and Aubree O'Bryan. Several nieces and nephews also survive.

[Top](#)

Funeral services will be held at 2:00 p.m. Wednesday November 23, 2016 at Pivont Funeral Home Chapel in Hinton with Pastor Melvin Wills officiating. Burial will follow in Elk Knob Church Cemetery at Elk Knob.

Friends may call from 6 until 8 p.m. Tuesday evening at the funeral home. Pallbearers will be; Danny Fitzpatrick, Edward Lee, III and Aaron M. O'Bryan, Dustin Hoke and Josh and Erick Stratton.

A special thank you is extended from the O'Bryan family to the staff of Bowers Hospice House and in lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Bowers Hospice House, 454 Cranberry Dr, Beckley, WV 25801.

[Top](#)



Stephen Wayne Reed

August 2, 1947 – January 18, 2017

(From Pivont Funeral Home – January 2017)

Stephen Wayne Reed, 69, of Hinton, died Wednesday, January 18, 2017, at Summers Nursing and Rehabilitation, at Hilddale.

Born August 2, 1947, at Big Creek, he was the son of the late John W. Reed and Evelyn Goff Reed.

Stephen was a graduate of Hinton High School and a lifelong resident of Summers County. He was a former employee of Orkin Exterminating, and a former contract mail carrier with the United States Postal Service. He attended Chestnut Grove Baptist Church, and loved fishing, pheasant hunting, and watching WVU football.

He was preceded in death by a granddaughter Aaliyah Lovann Leftridge.

Survivors include a son Stephen C. Reed and fiancé, Megan of Hinton, a daughter Debbie Reed and companion Brad Jackson of Hinton. Two brothers, Roger Reed and wife Patty of Madams Creek and Ben Reed of Hinton, one sister Linda Lane, of Beckley, former wife Debbie Ward of Judson, and several nieces and nephews also survive.

[Top](#)

Funeral services will be held at 1:00 pm on Saturday, January 21, 2017, at Pivont Funeral Home Chapel in Hinton, with Pastor Grover Morris officiating.

Burial will follow in Valley View Cemetery at Powley's Creek. Friends may call from 11:00 until time of service on Saturday.

Pallbearers will be family and friends.

[Top](#)



Billy Ray Wills
April 18, 1949 – February 2, 2017
(From Roanoke Times – February 4, 2017)

Billy Ray Wills, 67, of Fincastle, Va., passed away unexpectedly at his home on Thursday, February 2, 2017.

He was born in Hinton, W.Va., on April 18, 1949, a son of Frances Cook Wills and the late Johnnie Ray Wills who passed away in 2008. Billy was also preceded in death by his brother-in-law in 2007. Billy was an employee of Lawrence Companies for 45 years and was a member of Ebenezer United Methodist Church. He was also a member of Melrose Masonic Lodge No. 139, where he served as Worshipful Master in 2007 and 2009, Boone Masonic Lodge No. 247, Roanoke Valley Scottish Rite Bodies, Kazim Shrine Temple, Kazim Fire Brigade, Murray Royal Arch Chapter No. 22, where he was currently serving as High Priest, Bayard Commandery No. 15, Alpha Star Council No. 71 Allied Masonic Degrees and District Deputy Grand Master of District 22B in 2015. In addition to his mother, he is also survived by his wife, Ellen Rodes Wills.

As per his request, his body will be cremated and a memorial service will be held at a later date to be announced.

[Top](#)

Those wishing to make a memorial contribution, please consider the Masonic Home of Virginia, P.O. Box 7866, Henrico, VA 23231.

Arrangements by Oakey's East Chapel and Crematory. Online condolences may be made at www.oakeys.com.

[Top](#)



Shirley Kay Richmond
February 8, 1949 – February 22, 2017
(From Hardingfamilygroup.com)

Shirley Kay Richmond, 68, of Charleston, passed away peacefully Wednesday February 22, 2017 in Select Specialty Hospital, after a short illness.

Shirley was born and raised in Hinton WV. She graduated from Hinton High School in 1967 and Charleston Beauty Academy. Shirley was a hairdresser at Osborne's of Kanawha City for many years where she made countless lifelong friendships. She recently worked at Reema's Family Hair Styling in Kanawha City.

Shirley was preceded in death by her father Garland Ashby Richmond, her mother Patsy Lee Cox Lowe, step-father John Lowe and dear friend Diana Nagy.

Surviving Shirley is her very dear friend Sue Wood and special nieces Sara, Meghan, and Madison Wood of Marmet, Karla Popover of Galloway, OH and Janene Jacobs of Hilliard, OH; half-brothers Rodney(Wilma), Randy(Rita), and Ricky Richmond of Clayton, half-sister Karen (Mike) Wygal of Alderson. Aunts Mary Ann (Donald) Milam of Alderson, Betty Scarbough of Savannah, GA and Elaine Cox of Bala, PA, Uncle Joe (Katie) Cox of Stanaford and several cousins and extended family.

A celebration of Shirley's life will be held from 5 to 7 pm. Tuesday, February 28, 2017 at Harding Funerals and Cremations in Kanawha City. Burial will be at the Moye Family Cemetery, Flat Top, WV.

Condolences may be sent to the family by visiting www.hardingfamilygroup.com.

[Top](#)



Stephen Ross "Pappy" Meadows
December 6, 1949 – March 19, 2017
(From Pivont Funeral Home – March 2017)

Stephen Ross "Pappy" Meadows, 67 of Kershaw, SC formerly of Jumping Branch, died Sunday March 19, 2017 at his home following a sudden illness.

Born December 6, 1949 in Hinton, he was the son of the late Ruehl and Wilma Osborne Meadows.

Stephen was a 1967 graduate of Hinton High School and was an equipment operator for Oceana Gold Company in Kershaw. He was a former coal miner for Frazier Creek Mining and Tams Management, both in West Virginia. He also was a former independent trucker. Stephen enjoyed farming and working with horses, was a member of Bluestone Baptist Church at Jumping Branch and was a U.S. Army veteran.

Besides his parents, he was preceded in death by three sisters, Helena Keaton and infants, Dianna and Louanne Meadows.

Survivors include a son, Joseph Meadows and wife Megan of Mooresville, NC; two daughters, Stephanie Meadows of Nimitz and Sarah Ronat and husband Bobby of Hinton; two sisters, Mary Nichols and husband Bobby and Martha Estes all of Jumping Branch; four grandchildren, Beyonka, Kaitlyn, Kaine and Liam; Step-mother, Pauline Meadows of Jumping Branch.

[Top](#)

Funeral services will be held at 1:00 p.m. Thursday March 23, 2017 at Pivont Funeral Home Chapel in Hinton with Pastor Bill Fox officiating. Burial will follow in Restwood Memorial Gardens in Hinton. Friends may call from 6 until 8 p.m. Wednesday evening at the funeral home.

Pallbearers will be; Brandon Lilly, Bobby Ronat, O.J. Lilly, Ted Keffer, Matt Akers and Tommy Abshire.

[Top](#)



**Robert Stewart “Bobby” Haythe
September 25, 1948 – May 4, 2017**

Robert S. “Bobby” Haythe of Felicity, OH went home to be with the Lord Thursday, May 4, 2017.

Born September 25, 1948 at Alleghany Co., VA he was the son of the late Raymond Robert and Bernice (Grimmett) Haythe.

“Bobby” was a 1967 graduate of Hinton High School, and served his country in the United States Navy.

He is survived by his wife Carol Ann Haythe and children.

[Top](#)

Helen Fern Lucas Elwell



June 20, 1949 - January 6, 2018

(From Casterlinefuneralhome.com – January 2018)

Helen F. Elwell, age 68, of Livonia, passed away suddenly on January 6, 2018. She was born June 20, 1949 in Hinton, West Virginia; daughter of James and Eula (nee Gill) Lucas. Helen was united in marriage to Charles W. Elwell, Jr. on March 12, 1971; devoted to each other for over 43 years until his death on April 18, 2014.

Helen worked in the automotive industry for most of her life. She retired in October 2017 from Avis Budget Truck Rental after a 13 year career as a clerk. In the early 2000's she also worked at Northville Downs alongside her husband. Helen loved to dance; her favorite style of dance was line dancing. She had a wonderful sense of humor and she was feisty. Helen enjoyed golfing, bowling, and taking care of her garden. She also liked to go shopping with family and friends. Helen was a very loving and caring mother; she truly adored her son.

She is survived by her son William "Billy" (Candice) Elwell; and her sisters Phyllis (Robert) Honaker and Patty (Richard) Ferber. Helen had an incredible spirit and will be deeply missed by all who knew her.

A memorial visitation will be held Thursday, January 11, 2018 from 5pm until 8pm at Casterline Funeral Home, 122 West Dunlap, Northville. Memorial contributions would be appreciated to the American Cancer Society, Relay for Life Team – Birdies, c/o Casterline Funeral Home, 122 West Dunlap, Northville, MI 48167. Please use the link on this page to donate directly to William and Candice's Relay for Life Team – Birdies.