



Wayne Russell Keaton

May 17, 1951 – December 29, 2020

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Wayne Russell Keaton, 69, of Beckley passed away peacefully on December 29, 2020 at Beckley Appalachian Regional Hospital from a long illness. Born May 17, 1951, he was the son of the late Roy Raymond and late Irma Candis Cook Keaton.

A graduate of Concord College and WVCOGS, Wayne spent more than 35 years as a teacher and principal in Raleigh County Schools, teaching 3rd grade at Shady Spring Elementary and principal of Sophia, Sophia-Soak Creek, Stanaford, Beaver, and Shady Spring Elementary schools. Wayne had a passion for his students and was known for his gentle, kind approach to education and tutored many students over the years. He was an avid traveler and loved to enjoy life and made it a lifelong goal to allow all students to have the opportunity as well. Anyone who knew Wayne knew that he was passionate about food both cooking (especially fruitcakes) and finding new restaurants he enjoyed it all to the fullest. Wayne was an avid gardener and known for his beautiful dahlias and he was a member of Crow Baptist Church and spent many years raising all of the teens in the Bluestone Baptist Church Youth Group (Alpha Teens) and his house was an open door for spiritual guidance and fun. His faith in the Lord was a guiding force throughout his life.

He was preceded in death by his parents, his brother, Arnold, and his lifelong best friend, J.D. Fox.

He was survived by his wife of 12 years, Linda Hatfield Keaton, his son, Patrick Wayne Keaton and wife Hua Su of Greenbelt, MD, his daughter, Kimberly Anne

Dula and her husband Rickey of Lenoir, NC, two stepsons, Jimmy Clark and his wife Tina of Glen Fork and Charlie Clark and his wife Jennilyn of Beckley, one stepdaughter, Donna Jones of Lewisburg. His grandchildren Nathaniel Shelton, Mason Keaton, James Clark and wife Jamie, Shawn Clark and wife Ashley, Autumn Cline and husband Austin, Amanda Nichols, Stephanie Jones, Aaron Jones, Vaden Roberts, and Maci Clark. Great-grandchildren are Kody, Weston, Jaxon, Titus, and Paige. He was also survived by his sister and closest friend, Joyce Elaine Keaton of Piney View, his brother Daniel Raymond Keaton and wife Beth of Grandview, his sister-in-law Rita Keaton of Beckley, his stepmother, Shirley Richmond Keaton of Beckley, his stepbrother Alan Lee Butler and wife Michelle of Tequesta, Fl, his nieces and nephews Martha Mills, Melissa Keaton, Jessica Carl, Joshua Keaton, Morgan Keaton, and Taylor Butler, his great nieces and nephews that were like grandchildren to him Katie, Andrew, Olivia, Violet, Chase, and Joey, plus a host of aunts, uncles, cousins, and friends.

A private family service will be held at Rose and Quesenberry Funeral Home Peace Chapel in Beckley on Friday, January 1, 2021 at 1:00 PM followed by a graveside service and burial at the Lilly-Crews Cemetery in Nimitz, WV. Family visitation will be one hour before the service. Bro. Dennis Burks will be officiating. Pallbearers will be Charlie Clark, Steven Morgan, Mike Morgan, James Clark, Shawn Clark, and Aaron Jones.

In lieu of flowers and in keeping in Wayne's passion for children, the family asks for donations to be made to Shady Spring Elementary, 600 Flat Top Rd, Shady Spring, WV 25918 c/o Penny Carrico and notate for Wayne Keaton Memorial Fund to support underprivileged children to attend field trips and to provide savings bonds toward college.

Facial coverings and social distancing will be observed as mandated by the Governor of the State of WV.

Private online condolences, floral tributes, 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.