



Calvin B. Rutherford, Jr.

December 20, 1949 - May 4, 2016

Big Stone Gap, VA

Calvin B. "Big C" Rutherford, Jr., 66, passed away on Wednesday (May 4, 2016) at Bristol Regional Medical Center.

He was born in Norton, VA, grew up in Appalachia, VA and lived most of his life in Big Stone Gap.

He was a retired coal miner with the Westmoreland Coal Co., with over 25 years of service, and was a member of the U.M.W.A. District #17, Local #1607. He was a born again Christian, being of the Baptist faith. He was a wonderful father and grandfather.

Calvin was preceded in death by his parents, Calvin Bascom Rutherford, Sr. and Georgia Agnes (Carroll) Rutherford; and a brother, Robert Rutherford.

Surviving are his three sons, Calvin Shane Rutherford and wife, Christy of Big Stone Gap, Steven Michael Rutherford and wife, Veletta of Elizabethton, TN and Chad Anthony Rutherford and wife, Tiffani of Jonesborough, TN; honorary son, Tim Trent and wife, Patti of Farmville, VA; three grandchildren, Faith Rutherford, Carter Rutherford and Katie Trent; two brothers, John Rutherford and wife, Brenda of Big Stone Gap and Tom Carroll of Pennsylvania; five sisters, Linda (Chuck) Bullock of Gate City, VA, Betty (Bruce) Snodgrass of

Dandridge, TN; Ann (Doug) Austin and Imogene Sharrett, both of Appalachia, VA, and Josephine Grubb of Roda, VA; and several nieces and nephews.

The family would like to thank The Kingston Center, Lonesome Pine Hospital E.R. staff, and the staff of Bristol Regional Medical Center.

The family will receive friends from 5 to 7 p.m. Friday at Holding Funeral Home (17 E. 3rd St., N.) in Big Stone Gap, VA.

The funeral service will be conducted at 7 p.m. Friday in the funeral home chapel with Dr. Nick Brewer officiating.

Graveside committal services will be held 11 a.m. on Saturday at American Legion Cemetery.

The family and friends will meet at the funeral home by 10:30 a.m. on Saturday to go in procession to the cemetery.

Pallbearers will be: A. J. Johnson, Kevin Lavendar, Steve Rutherford, Mark Collins, Berthil Bowser and Eric Bowser.

To view the obituary online and offer condolences, please visit www.holdingfuneralhome.com.

Holding Funeral Home is honored to serve the Rutherford family.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 6. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Holding Funeral Home, Inc.
17 E. 3rd St., N.
P. O. Drawer H
Big Stone Gap, VA 24219
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Service

MAY 6. 7:00 PM (ET)

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Funeral Procession

MAY 7. 10:30 AM (ET)

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Committal Service

MAY 7. 11:00 AM (ET)

American Legion Cemetery
5001 Powell Valley Road
Big Stone Gap, VA 24219

Tribute Wall



“ *Calvin B. Rutherford, Jr.*

October 07, 2023 at 10:50 AM



“ *1 file added to the album Memories Album*



Christy Rutherford - December 18, 2019 at 06:52 PM



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Christy Rutherford - December 18, 2019 at 06:52 PM



“ *To Calvin's family, John and I are sad to hear of his passing. We both knew Calvin (and his siblings who are around his age) as we grew up together in the Old Bottom in Appalachia. Calvin was a fine man with a good kind spirit. He will be missed. Our condolences go out to his extended family.*

David Fraley and John Fraley

David Fraley - May 08, 2016 at 09:46 PM

EH

“ Shane and family, I am so very sorry for your loss. My prayers are with you and your entire family. Matthew 5:4 Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted. God bless.

Elizabeth Williams Hartsock - May 06, 2016 at 07:02 PM

JL

“ Shane and Christy I am so sorry to hear about Calvin. He was special to me when we were living in Appalachia, he was also so kind and nice to my mother at Kingston. You both are special to me as former nursing students. Linda I will remember our year as LPN students and our trips on the bus so sorry about Calvin. Please know that I will be praying for all of you and if I can do anything let me know.

Judy Lundy - May 06, 2016 at 05:38 PM

JF

“ Losing a love one is very hard, Loving memories will be with us always. Our heart felt condolences go out to the Rutherford family. Mary Ann Miller Fleenor FaMILY

Jim Fleenor - May 06, 2016 at 05:03 PM

JB

“ Jerry Blevins lit a candle in memory of Calvin B. Rutherford, Jr.



Jerry Blevins - May 06, 2016 at 04:08 AM



“ *Jeremy Davis lit a candle in memory of Calvin B. Rutherford, Jr.*



Jeremy Davis - May 05, 2016 at 09:30 PM



“ *It is hard for me to say goodbye to My sweet brother, Calvin. I cherish all of my brothers and sisters. Calvin was a good man who loved his family, and his savior. He cherished his children and grandchildren. Nothing made him smile as bright as to see his grandkids. He would often make a joke about something the just laugh about it. When I became ill, he came to tell that he knew it would be alright. He was right. He always like to pick at his brothers and sister but was always there to defend us all. We grew up just loving each other which did not go away after we were grown. I know he is in heaven and waits with others in our family for a home coming. I hope to meet him again at the river. To his children, I say that I am so sorry for your loss. I know you all loved him dearly and your heart is broken. I pray for God's comfort to fall around you and wrap you in his love.*

Sister-Linda Bullock

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Linda Bullock - May 05, 2016 at 05:26 PM



“ *Elaine lit a candle in memory of Calvin B. Rutherford, Jr.*



Elaine - May 05, 2016 at 05:16 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Calvin B. Rutherford, Jr..* ”



May 05, 2016 at 04:26 PM