



Eugene Earl "Shang" Bentley

April 5, 1930 - June 23, 2023

Eugene Earl "Shang" Bentley- Big Stone Gap, VA

Eugene Earl "Shang" Bentley, age 93, passed away on June 23, 2023 at his home.

Shang attended Big Stone Gap High School where he excelled in several sports. After high school he was drafted to serve his country in the Korean War from 1951 to 1952. After returning home from Korea, he was employed as a strip miner for most of his life. Shang was an avid hunter, and fisherman. He truly enjoyed spending time on Maples Gap, and the Clinch River. He enjoyed nothing more than a table of fine food, and being surrounded by his family.

Shang was a member of VFW Post #5715 and rarely missed the opportunity to attend the funeral of a fellow comrade, and perform military rites. When his health failed, his VFW friends, would pick him up and take him to a fellow soldiers funeral, so he could show his honor by simply sitting in the vehicle. His life was a true example of what patriotism, and loyalty to one's country is all about.

Shang is preceded in death by his wives Joan Bentley and Maclene Bentley, parents, Howard and Stella Bentley, brothers Paul and Arthur Bentley, infant sister, Betty Jane Bentley and granddaughter Lindsay Bentley.

Surviving are his children, Mike Bentley, Tony Bentley (Patricia), Cassia McCoy (Terry), sisters Barbara Giles, Cherlene Reasor, and Belinda Rutherford, a step daughter, Melissa Larkin (Wade). Shang was blessed with 6 grandchildren and 8 great grandchildren.

Graveside committal services with military rites for Eugene Earl (Shang) Bentley will be conducted at 1:00 pm on Monday, June 26, 2023 at American Legion Cemetery located at (5001 Powell Valley Road, Big Stone Gap, VA), with Pastor Greg Sergent officiating. Family and friends will meet at the cemetery .

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to VFW #5715 and mailed to (289 Fannon Wade Drive, Big Stone Gap, VA 24219.)

An online register is available for the family at www.holdingfuneralhome.com

Holding Funeral Home is honored to serve the family of Eugene Earl "Shang" Bentley

Cemetery Details

American Legion Cemetery

5001 Powell Valley Road
Big Stone Gap, VA 24219

Previous Events

Committal Service

JUN **26**. 1:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ Eugene Earl "Shang" Bentley

October 07, 2023 at 10:50 AM



“ Prayers for family. Janet Hall Wilson and family.



Janet Wilson - June 25, 2023 at 10:43 PM



“ I wish to say God bless all of my cousin Shangs children and grandchildren and other family members and friends May each of you find peace and comfort in knowing he's in heaven with our lord Jesus Christ today living free of pains and the worries this old world has to offer stay faithful in our precious lord and know you'll see Shang again someday I want y'all to know I always cherished and loved him dearly and our times spent together were special in my heart with love for each of you I pray the Heavenly Fathers peace and blessings of comfort for you in Jesus Christ amen



Kenneth Durham - June 25, 2023 at 07:56 AM