



Hillman "Buck" Wells

September 5, 1935 - January 16, 2014

Big Stone Gap, VA

Hillman "Buck" Wells, 78, of the Wildcat Valley, went home to be with the Lord on Thursday (Jan. 16, 2014) at Holston Valley Medical Center, surrounded by his family.

Buck was a lifelong resident of Big Stone Gap. He was a retired coal miner with the Westmoreland Coal Co., with 27 years of service and a member of the U.M.W.A. District #28. Buck enjoyed carpentry and built several houses in the area. He was a member of the "Blue Crew" at the former Powell Valley High School, where he enjoyed helping with the football team each fall. Buck was of Baptist faith.

The staff of Holding Funeral Home would like to express our sincere sympathy to Buck's family. Buck worked at Holding Funeral Home during his retirement years and his smiling face and pleasant nature will be missed.

He was preceded in death by his wife of 45 years, Shirley Lovell Wells; his parents, Bill and Etta (Rogers) Wells; and a brother, Harold Carl "H. C." Wells.

Surviving are four daughters, Regina Pennington and husband, Kevin, and Kitty Wells, both of Big Stone Gap, Sandy Wells of Weber City, VA, and Dawn Porter and husband, Dave, of the home; six grandchildren, Gary and Aimee Mawk, Danielle and James Ferrell, Joey and Alyssa Bear, Tomi Owens, K. C. Owens and Devin Porter; five great grandchildren, Jovonna and Tanner Mawk, Dakota Lewis, J. D. Ferrell and Eli Bear; two brothers, Leroy Wells and wife, Carrie, of Clinchport, VA and Billy Wells and wife, Nina of Big Stone Gap; three sisters, Dean Wells and Jean Swinney, both of Big Stone Gap, and Ruth Caudill of Jasper, VA; and several nieces and nephews.

The family will receive friends from 4 to 7 p.m. on Monday at Holding Funeral Home (17 E. 3rd St., N.) in Big Stone Gap.

Funeral services will be conducted at 7 p.m. in the funeral home chapel with Pastor James Holcomb officiating.

Committal graveside services will be held at 1:00 p.m. on Tuesday at the Flores Cemetery in the Wildcat Valley of Big Stone Gap. Family and friends will meet at the funeral home by 12:30 p.m. on Tuesday to go in procession to the cemetery.

Family and friends will serve as pallbearers.

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

Holding Funeral Home is serving the Wells family.

Tribute Wall



“ Hillman "Buck" Wells

October 07, 2023 at 10:50 AM

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“ What a void has been left that will never be filled. Praying for the family for God's Peace and Comfort during this time of loss. Buck was always smiling ever since I met him but I can only imagine what he is seeing now. Our loss is Heaven's gain! Miss you Buck Wells and will see you in a little way.

Cheryl Light - May 02, 2014 at 11:16 AM

MR

“ To the Wells Family, what the world lost today, heaven gained. I would just like to let you all know that it was a true pleasure to have known your father. He will be sorely missed by my family. May God Comfort you with these words. To be absent from the body is to be present with the Lord.

Micheal Riebe - May 02, 2014 at 11:16 AM

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“ Buck was always such a nice man. I spent many of my childhood nights at his house with his daughter, Dawn & he & Shirley were always so nice & welcoming. So sorry for your loss & my prayers are with each of you.

Kimberley Dickenson Osborne - May 02, 2014 at 11:16 AM

TR

“ Buck was a truly sweet and caring person. I will always remember his smile and his wave from the front porch as I came up the road. Prayers for the family.

Terri Reed - May 02, 2014 at 11:16 AM

TQ

“ Sorry to hear of your loss he was a good man

Trena Qualls - May 02, 2014 at 11:16 AM



“ I am so very sorry for your lost and I will be praying for your family!

January 17, 2014 at 12:00 AM