



## Robert E. Cress

February 17, 1941 - March 17, 2013

Big Stone Gap VA

Robert E. Cress 72, passed away peacefully on Sunday (March 17, 2013)

He was a devoted member of Thee Church in Appalachia, VA, where he was a Deacon and served on the Board of Trustees. He worked for the Westmoreland Coal Company for 29 ½ years, he was a member of the U.M.W.A. District 17, Local #1355. He worked for the Clear Creek Water Company for eight years, out of Appalachia.

He was a devoted husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather, friend, and he loved the Lord.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Lawrence and Callie (Cress) Reynolds; five sisters, Leona, Aileen, Helen, Lucille, Louise, and a grandson, Aaron Stallard.

He is survived by his loving wife of 54 ½ years, Louise Galloway Cress; five children, Pat(Husband) Jerry Chandler, Robert Cress, Jr., Johnny (wife) Donna Cress, Michael (wife) Janet, Donald (wife) Sharron, all of Big Stone Gap; grandchildren, Tamula, Breanne, Callie, Little Rob, Michael, Nicholos, Billy Joe, Ashley, Kendra, Gary Wayne, Crystal, and Heather; special grandkids; Savannah, Keith, Hunter, Gracie, Waylon, , Braxton, Keaton, Miranda, McKenzia, Kelsey, Bryson, Alyia, Cameron, Elijah, "KK," Dakota Bartee, Cheyenne Bartee, and Montana Bartee, step brothers, Gene (wife) Patricia Hall, Billy Reynolds (wife) Betty of OH, Cotton Reynolds (wife) Sheila of OH, Bobbie Reynolds of Appalachia, Eddie Hall (wife) Sherry of VA; stepsister, Judy Reynolds of VA; brothers-in-law, Delmar and Betty Penley, Otis Galloway, Jr., Eddie Galloway (wife) Jeanette; sisters-in-law, Betty Sturgill, Lou Ida Edens, Debbie Starnes (husband) Gary; a host of other very close relatives and friends, brothers and sisters of the church whom he dearly loved; and a very close friend, Rev. Y Jackson.

The family will receive friends from 5 to 8 p.m. on Wednesday (March 20) at Thee Church

(718 W. Main St.) in Appalachia, VA.

The funeral service will be conducted on Thursday at 12 noon at Thee Church in Appalachia, where the family will receive friends until the time of the service.

The funeral service will be conducted by Pastor Duke Barker, Rev. Eddie Clifton, Rev. Jimmy Hammonds, Rev. Curt Flanary, and Rev. Jerry Belcher.

Special music and singing will be provided by Thee Church.

The family would like to express their gratitude to Dr. Fleenor, Dr. Wilson, Brenda Kelly, and Lori Tankersly for all of their attentive care over the years that they have extended to Mr. Cress.

The committal service will be conducted following the funeral in the American Legion Cemetery.

Family and friends will serve as pallbearers.

You may go online to offer condolences and sign the guest registry at [www.holdingfuneralhome.com](http://www.holdingfuneralhome.com)

Holding Funeral Home is honored to serve the Cress family.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Robert E. Cress*

October 07, 2023 at 10:50 AM

BJ

“ *The times i would stay on night and Bobby and us would watch wrestling, me him my counsins. And i would beg mom to let me stay till the next morning, and Bobby would drop me off in time to catch the school bus.*

*The times we played outside and he was out there like a kid playing with us.*

*The hunting and fishing we got to enjoy.*

*Probably the best day, the day he helped Pastor Eddie Clifton baptize me. And i became not only his nephew but his brother in the faith of our Lord Jesus Christ.*

*I'll miss you more than words can say. But i know you've finished your race and have put on your new shoes and are in your new homme.*

*Love forever,*

*Bobby Jr.*

**Bobby Reynolds, Jr.** - December 10, 2013 at 08:10 AM

CC

“ *I can't wait to hear my papaw sing again. I bet he has already gotten to sing with the angels. What a joyful thought. I miss my papaw beyond words. I already miss our talks. He sure loved my baby Waylon. He couldnt wait for him to start walking so that Papaw coukd take him hunting and fishing. He said, "Waylon will follow me around! You believe it?!" Then he'd just laugh! Papaw, youre with Jesus now. Youve lived your whole life to be with Jesus and you've finally done it. I love you and I'm going to see you again one day. Miss you, Papaw!*

**Callie Cress-Crabtree** - December 10, 2013 at 08:10 AM

CS

“ *We are verry sorry for your loss. we want you to know all of you are in our prayers. We pray Jesus will confort and strengthen you all each day. If there is anything we can do other than pray please feel free to call us at any time*

**Carie and Art Simpson** - December 10, 2013 at 08:10 AM

ML

“ You were always so good to everyone. God got a special person when he received you. You will be missed.

Myrtle lawson lambert - December 10, 2013 at 08:10 AM

AW

“ You were a special cousin, greatly loved by all and sadly missed. My thoughts and prayers are with all of the family

Ann Lawson Wagner - December 10, 2013 at 08:10 AM

JD

“ Sorry for your loss.

Jim & Veronica Davis - December 10, 2013 at 08:10 AM

DM

“ SO SORRY TO HEAR ABOUT BRO. BOBBY, WILL BE PRAYING FOR ALL THE FAMILY. THERE WILL BE A FAMILY REUNION SOMEDAY, AND WE ALL CAN SEE OUR LOVED ONES. I KNOW WHAT YOU ARE GOING THRU, BEEN THERE, BUT GOD KNOWS WHAT IS BEST. LOVE YOU IN JESUS NAME.

DELORES MCMAHAN - December 10, 2013 at 08:10 AM

SF

“ Look what's happening in Heaven, a cheer went up as he walked through the gates. The change in him, what a difference; why he's as young and beautiful as a babe. Look who's got His arm's around him, and He's just wiped the last tear from his eyes. He said, "Welcome home my child forever, come and rest by the river of life."

*Bobby was truly a wonderful, giving person. I will always remember you stopping by just to say hello and see how my Mom and I were doing. Bobby always had a song in his heart and kind words to say. Dear Crest family, you are in my prayers always.*

*Sue Scalf of Big Stone Gap, VA*

Suzanne Scalf and family - December 10, 2013 at 08:10 AM

OG

“ *Oakie and I would like express our sorrow and grief  
Of the passing of our dear friend and brother in  
The Lord. Our thoughts and prayers are with  
The family . We would like to say it was a joy  
To know Brother Bobby. He was a good friend.*

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**Oakie and nancy Garrett** - March 19, 2013 at 12:00 AM