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Billy Mapes, 73 (1950 - 2023)

Appalachian Resource Company LLC



William Mapes, of Freeburn, KY, died February 26, while working as a contractor for LSM Contracting near Central Appalachian Mining LLC's Grapevine South Surface Mine, located in Mingo County. Mapes was 73 years old and had 53 years of mining experience.

Billy was born on February 13, 1950. A son of the late Ira Sr. and Ada (Blankenship), Billy departed this life on Sunday Evening, February 26, 2023. In addition to his parents, Billy is preceded in death by brothers Ira Mapes, Jr. and Danny Mapes; nephew Delaney Mapes; brother-in-law Curtis Harris and sister-in-law Linda Kay Mapes.

Billy was a coal miner having worked within the mining industry for over 53 years. During his tenure as a coal miner, he held various positions and was proficient with each job he held. Billy was not one to sit idle for he liked to be productive and busy. He was proud of his career in mining coal.

When not busy, Billy loved to hunt and fish. Actually, anything that involved being outside, that is where you would find him. He was also skillful when it came to gardening. He not only enjoyed gardening but loved to share his harvest with his friends and neighbors. Billy's laughter and personality were contagious, he loved people and people loved him. He will indeed be missed.

He is survived by his son Kevin Mapes; daughter Heather Fields and her husband Joseph; brothers Randy Mapes and his wife "Doe" and

Robert Mapes and his wife Rose; sisters Bonnie Harris, Susie Grossl and her husband Ron, Kaye Hurley and her husband Benny, Penny Hager and her husband Gary, Ellen Charles and her husband Jimmy and sister-in-law Judy Mapes; grandchildren Cayden and Holden Fields, Cory Galloway and his fiancé Brianna Preston. Billy is also survived by a host of nieces, nephews, loved ones and a community of friends including special friends, Don Wolford and Orville Wolford.

Cameron R Fourez, 41 (1982 - 2023)

Alliance Resource Partners LP



Cameron Randall Fourez, 41, of West Frankfort, Illinois, passed away Saturday March 18, 2023 at 2:00a.m. According to the report he died when a section of roof fell while he and other miners were building cribs during the recovery of longwall shields underground.

Co-workers reached Fourez and attempted resuscitation while transporting him to the surface of the mine. Unfortunately, Fourez was pronounced dead just over an hour later at Hamilton Memorial Hospital in McLeansboro. An autopsy showed Fourez died from closed chest injuries.

Fourez's regular job title was Roof Bolter. He had just over 8 years of mining experience and has worked at the Hamilton County Coal facility for about a year and a half.

Cameron was born January 26, 1982 in DuQuoin, Illinois to Randall Fourez and Terri (Newsom) Fourez.

He was preceded in death by paternal grandparents, Frank and Lawanda Fourez; maternal grandparents, John Newsom and Imogene Billyard; Uncle Larry Fourez; and Uncle Dave Newsom.

Cameron is survived by his wife, Brianna Fourez; sons, Drake Fourez and Cale; daughter, Emma; parents, Randy Fourez and Terri Rollins; one sister, Amy and Mike Johnson; mother and father-in-law, Terrah Odam and Daniel Graves; niece and nephews: Hunter Johnson, Cameron James "C.J." Johnson, and Micah Johnson; longtime friends, Jason Powell and Travis Hood; several aunts, uncles, and cousins; as well as his brotherhood of coal miners.

Cecil "Junior" Lawrence Barker, 62 (1960 - 2023) Century Mining LLC



Cecil (Junior) Lawrence Barker, age 62, a resident of Philippi, died March 22, 2023, due to a coal mining accident.

Junior was born on October 6, 1960, in San Francisco, CA, to Gisela and Cecil Barker (deceased). He was united in marriage on October 5, 1980 to Mary Darlene (Weese) who survives at home.

Surviving are sons Steven L. Barker and wife Amanda, and Nathan W. Barker, all of Philippi, and two grandchildren, Stefanie, and Noah. He also has 3 sisters and 3 brothers, one deceased.

He graduated from high school while living in Virginia, class of 1978. For many years he held the position of County Surveyor and Mapper until he went to work in the coal mines as a bolter and surveyor. He spent over 18 years working for different coal companies, Sago, Arch, Mettiki and Allegheny Metallurgical.

Besides his family and spending time with his grandkids many people were special to Junior, especially Cathy Newman, his sister-in-law. Also, John and Mary "Mack" Mosessa, Joe and Georgia Beymer and a surveying mentor, Rev. Jim Fogg.

Junior loved the outdoors and outdoor activities, including hunting, fishing and especially camping at Teter Lake. He collected mining stickers and enjoyed listening to music by the legendary Elvis Presley.

Philip Heymann, 59 (1963 - 2023) Peabody Energy



Philip Heymann, 59, of Washington, Indiana, passed away Thursday, April 20, 2023 at Bear Run Coal Mine.

He was born July 19, 1963 to Robert Heymann and Beverly (Chaffman) Heymann. Phil married Sandy Wise on October 27, 1983 and she survives.

Phil was a 1981 graduate of Washington High School. He was a United States Army veteran and was a member of the American Legion Post 121. Phil owned and operated Sugar Ridge Apparel and Graphics. He worked for 38 years in the coal mining industry, primarily for Black Beauty Coal and Peabody Energy. Phil was currently employed by longtime friend and coworker, Shannon Winingier, at Tri-State Maintenance Solutions. He had a very special relationship with his grandchildren and father-in-law. Phil enjoyed spending time with them and was always there when they needed him.

He is survived by his wife, Sandy Heymann of Washington, Indiana; children, Clayton Heymann and Andrea (Robert) Criswell, both of Washington, Indiana; grandchildren, Isaac, Porter, and Beau; parents, Robert (Toni) Heymann of Florida and Beverly Chaffman of Florida; biological mother, Susan Accivatti; siblings, Mike (Carolyn) Heymann of Indianapolis, Indiana, Debbie (Brad) Verker of Michigan, Karen Holdridge of New York, Andrea (Allen) Brown of Washington, Indiana, Tami Santiago of Florida, Theresa (Andy) Poligo of Florida, Ron (Karyn) Tuscany of Arizona and Gary Tuscany of Illinois; father-in-law, Fred Wise of Washington, Indiana.

Abel Calvillo, Sr., 64 (1958 - 2023) North American Construction Group, LTD



Abel Calvillo Sr. of Charlotte, Texas, went to be with the lord on May 16, 2023. Abel Calvillo Sr., 64, was found buried under mud after the walls of a 100-foot dug out mining road collapsed on a bulldozer he was operating at the mine operated by North American Construction Group.

According to reports, Calvillo was reported missing on the evening of Tuesday, May 16 as mine crews were unable to locate him. Atascosa Sheriff's deputies and emergency services from Jourdanton Volunteer Fire Department were dispatched to the scene shortly after 4 a.m. on Wednesday.

He was born on July 11, 1958, to Juan and Isabel Calvillo. Abel was a very hardworking man who loved being outside, hunting, fishing, and working on his house and vehicles. He would always lighten people's day by making jokes and making everyone laugh. He was respected by many, not only for his work ethic but his character, he always made time to be around his family and friends.

He is preceded in death by his father, Juan Calvillo.

He is survived by his mother, Isabel Bermea Calvillo, his son, Abel Calvillo Jr., brother, Lloyd Calvillo and wife Angie of Charlotte, Texas, sisters, Juanita James and husband Robert of Jourdanton, Linda Garcia and husband Julian of Pleasanton. He is also survived by numerous nieces and nephews. He also had many great friends.

John T Hillard, 35 (1988 - 2023) NEV LLC



On May 7, 1988, a beautiful set of twins were born to David and Dorianna (Peterson) Hilliard. The eldest, John Thomas Hilliard, was named after his Great-Grandfather, and Joshua (Josh), his twin, was born soon thereafter. Throughout much of their lives the twins were inseparable, and each had the other's back. John accepted Christ, as Lord of His life at an early age under the pastorate of his Grandfather, the late Rev. Clarence L. Hilliard, Senior Pastor of Austin Corinthian Baptist Church (ACBC), who also baptized him.

John (a.k.a., "Just John"), was well-liked by those who knew him because of his genuine zest for life! He also maintained a positive attitude throughout his short time with us, and despite very challenging health issues. During his teen years he developed serious gastric problems which kept him in and out of the hospital, but he refused to be handicapped by these setbacks and persevered! His persistence was inspirational to others who faced their own struggles, including his grandmother, Annie Hilliard, who calls him today, "Her favorite Grandson" which he also nobly reminded her of since he telephoned "Granny" regularly. Last month on Memorial Day, John and his family, for the first time in many years, chose to spend that holiday at "Granny's" house, and she is grateful to God for allowing her to see him one more time before calling him home!

John was a natural athlete and wrestling was his primary sport. Since he and Josh were close in size, they had ready-made wrestling partners, which only made them better. He participated in Illinois Kids Wrestling Federation (IKWF) events, and took 2nd place in a tournament while in 7th grade. He and Josh also wrestled for Proviso East and John earned trips to the state wrestling tournament in his Senior years. He and Josh

also wrestled for Nassau Community College on Long Island, NY, before ultimately retiring.

John and Josh had a passion for trucks and at a very young age they had a dream to start their own trucking firm. This dream became a reality in 2014 when David Jr. (another brother), his Dad, and his Uncle Phil began operating under the name, Da Boyz Trucking LLC. Unfortunately, and due to circumstances beyond their control, the firm was forced to close. John remained a trucker until his untimely death and was an active member of the 2doornation Trucker's Club.

John loved his family, and many thought of him as the glue that held them together, as well as the bridge that connects his generation with previous generations. Many also looked at him as big-hearted, supportive, funny, and the life of the party. He had a penchant for making his immediate family, as well as, nieces and nephews, feel special. To know him was to love him, so the void he leaves behind will be felt by many!

John met his soul-mate Shawanna Powell while in high school, and they were eventually married, September 7, 2018. God blessed them with four lovely children: Xyla, Xolie, John Jr., and Jordynn, and because of God's grace, another child to be named Xuri, is due in August.

Just John departed this life on June 9, 2023 due to a tragic accident while unloading a truck, and leaves to mourn his lovely wife and children; his parents: Rev. David Hilliard (Sharon), and Dorianna Hilliard; Grandparents: Annie Hilliard and Beverly Peterson; Siblings and their spouses and children: David Hilliard Jr. (Susana) and Dalila, Laila, and Jady; Daniel Hilliard (Lavett) and Semiya, Daniel Jr., Jeremiah, Jasmine, Taylor, Starr, Elijah, and Noah; Joshua Hilliard (Chante) and Joshua Jr., Ja'leah, Jayla, Jias, Jyiah, and Jace Thomas (who is due to be born next month); and Caleb the baby of the family; In-Laws: Nancy V. Smith, Vincent Smith, Roman Venson, and Yvette Powell; Sibling Cousins and their children: Qianna Foster and Tyanna; and Morelle Foster and Mariah, Molivia, and Maleah; and a whole host of aunts, uncles, cousins, god-brothers and sisters, and countless relatives in his extended family.

Christopher R Finley, 39 (1983 - 2023) Twin State Mining, Inc.



Christopher "Finbob" Finley, 39, of Princeton, West Virginia went to be with his Lord and Savior Jesus Christ on August 18, 2023.

He leaves behind to cherish his memory after his unexpected passing; his wife Adrienne Finley; together they had four precious children: Skylar 7 who loved fishing and eating dinner with her daddy. Madison 4, has her daddy's love for music and his spunk. 20-month-old twins Willow and Landon; Willow had her daddy wrapped around her finger and melted his heart with her laugh. Landon was his daddy's pride and joy, his only son, who he looked forward to being fishing buddies with. He was a beloved son to parents Roger and Pamela Finley of Princeton, West Virginia. He leaves behind his paternal grandparents Harold and Wanda Finley. He was a cherished son-in-law to Brad and Tammy Bailey of Montcalm, West Virginia; and brother-in-law to Austin & Tara Harris, Jared Bailey, Lakyn Bailey, and Cassy Bailey.

He was preceded in death by his maternal grandparents Verlin and Hilda Jones.

He graduated from Princeton Senior High School in 2001. He worked for Cleveland Cliffs as an underground section boss. He loved working with fellow brothers in coal, and took pride in his job... "Take it to the gap!"

Chris was a Christian and part of the family of Memorial Church of Christ, who grieve alongside his family. He was baptized on June 20, 2021. Chris was a loving father and husband who did everything for his family and led his children to Jesus by example.

He enjoyed bass fishing in his free time and taking his boat out. He spent his free time taking his family to church and enjoying Sundays together.

His passing has affected so many people, he was loved by all, and always willing to help a friend.

Aaron W Haley, 34 (1988 - 2023) Warrior Met Coal Mining, LLC



Aaron William Haley, age 34, of Northport, Ala., passed away August 30, 2023.

He was preceded in death by his maternal grandmother, Carol Nelson; and paternal grandparents, Ron and Connie Haley. Survivors include his wife, Stacey Rebecca Haley; daughters, Madilyn Grace Haley and Elliana Jane Haley; son, Cohen William Haley; sister, Rachel Nelson-Green of Wheeling, WV; brother, Andrew Haley of Wheeling, WV; parents, Timothy Haley (Cynthia Caldwell) of Wheeling, WV and Becky L. Haley of Wheeling, WV; grandfather, Larry Nelson of Valley Grove, WV; father and mother-in-law, James and Terry Magro of Amelia Island, FL; sister-in-law, Kathryn Magro of West Palm Beach, FL; as well as many aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews and cousins.

Aaron was born on September 13, 1988 in Wheeling, WV. He and Stacey were married September 7, 2013 and would have celebrated their 10-year anniversary this month. He worked for Warrior Met Coal, where he will be greatly missed by his fellow miners. Aaron loved spending time with his family.

He loved his wife and kids more than anything in this world. He was the hardest worker and everything that he did, he did for his family. Aaron was kind, loving, generous, funny and would give the shirt off his back to anyone. He loved teaching Cohen baseball, football, fishing, and just "guy" stuff. His two baby girls, Madilyn and Elliana had him wrapped around their fingers. He loved playing kitchen, restaurant and pushing them on their swings. Aaron loved his wife, Stacey, dearly and took the best care of her. He was the absolute best husband, father, son, and an all-around wonderful man.

Brandon J Frederick, 37 (1985 - 2023) LCT Energy, LP



Frederick-Brandon J., 37, of Johnstown passed away Oct. 2, 2023 as a result of a mining accident. He was born Nov. 18, 1985. He was the son of Albert "Bud" and Judy (Meilus) Frederick. He was preceded in death by his father, brother Albert Frederick, and Aunt Cindy Meilus. Brandon is survived by Mother Judy (Elmer Westover), Brother of Tracy Frederick (Joe Caruso), Bobby (Susan) Frederick, Timmy Frederick, Nicole (Jay) Jacobson. Girlfriend Rae Ann McMinn and her daughter Serenity Cartwright. Nieces and nephews Brittany, Andrew, Savannah, Cody, Jacyie, Mackenzie, and Miah, and numerous aunts, uncles, and cousins.

Brandon worked for LCT Mining Company. He loved to ride his Harley Davidson and fish with his mother.