

# 2021 Miner's Memorial

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## Justin L. Lafferty, 38

**1982 - 2021**

Rev. Justin Lloyd Lafferty, 38, of South Man, went to be with his Lord and Savior Jesus Christ on Sunday, February 21, 2021, of complications of an injury sustained in a mining accident.

He was born on June 11, 1982, at Beckley. Justin was a 2000 graduate of Wyoming East High School in Glen Rogers. He graduated from Concord College in 2004 with a Bachelor's Degree in Secondary Education.

Justin taught at Logan Middle School for three years and then taught a Man Middle School for five years.

. During his years of teaching, Justin made the most important decision of his life when he gave his heart to

the Lord and became a Christian.

In 2011, God called Justin into the ministry and he became Rev. Justin Lloyd Lafferty. He served as an assistant pastor for a while at the Breath of Life Church at Logan. He also had a music ministry singing with Malachi. Together with his wife and Malachi they traveled all over WV preaching and singing about Jesus. Currently Rev. Justin and his family are faithful members of the House of Miracles at Chapmanville. In 2010, Justin started a new career in the mining industry. At the time of his death, he employed with Contura Coal Company.

Rev. Justin Lloyd Lafferty was an exceptional husband, an excellent father, and a devoted son-in-law.



## Joseph G Guzzo, 32

**1988 - 2021**

Joseph Gerald Guzzo, Jr., 32 of Punxsutawney, was called to the Lord on May 14, 2021, as the result of a work-related injury.

He was born October 22, 1988 in DuBois, PA, the son of Debbie (Zanaglio) and the late Joseph G. Guzzo, Sr.

After graduation from Punxsutawney High School in 2007, he took a position with Rosebud Mining, working as a miner operator. Joe attended the Albion Heights United Methodist Church.



## Trenten J Dille, 25

1995 - 2021

Trenten Jeremiah Dille, 25, of Hundred, WV went to his Lord and Savior Wednesday, June 2, 2021.

He was born on October 10, 1995, at Fairmont, a son of Bobby Dille and Christenia Yost Dille of Pentress.

He lived with the love of his life, Haley Hayes Dille and their two daughters. Prior to living in Hundred he lived in Pentress with his mother, father and younger brother.

Trenten was a 2014 graduate of Clay-Battelle High School where he made many lifetime friends. He lettered in football and track. He received his welder certification from Morgantown MTEC. He was a member of the Daybrook Church of Christ. While growing up he fell in love with the outdoors at a very young age. He was an avid fisherman and he also liked hunting. He loved spending time with his parents and they were his biggest fans. His family thought he hung the moon. His smile would light up a room. Growing up he and his brother were inseparable. Trenten always kept a watchful eye on him. He never knew a stranger. He loved with all of his heart and everyone that met him was drawn in by his excitement for life. His mom and dad were so proud of every step he took in his very short life.

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## Jeffrey A Wendland, 31

1990 - 2021

Jeff Wendland, a 31-year-old man, was fatally injured while performing a dragline repair at Arch Resource's Black Thunder coal mine.

The tragedy occurred on the morning of Wednesday, July 21.

Jeff A. Wendland was born May 26, 1990 in Deadwood, SD. Jeff went to school in Lead, SD and Gillette. He graduated from Westwood in 2008. He started his mine career shortly after that.



## Trenten J Dille, 25

1995 - 2021

Nicholas David Adkins, age 43, of Racine, WV, unexpectedly went home to be with his heavenly Father on Thursday, June 3. He was born on December 31, 1978, to Hub and Rochelle Adkins of Ashford.

The most important thing to Nick was spending every moment possible with his wife and children. Nick was a devoted father, husband, son, uncle, and brother. He enjoyed camping, fishing, trips to the beach, and was an avid hunter. He was a spiritual man and was involved in many activities at Rumble Community Baptist Church in Ashford, where he was a faithful

and devoted member.

He worked for Alpha at Horse Creek Mine in Raleigh County and loved his fellow miners like brothers. Anyone who was blessed enough to know Nick knew of his outgoing personality, his ability to make anyone laugh, and his love and devotion to God and his family. He will be terribly missed by all who knew him.

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## Brian D Wallen, 49

1972 - 2021

Brian D. Wallen, 49, was fatally injured late Monday November 1, 2021 afternoon at the Mingo Logan Coal Company's Mountaineer II Mine in Sharples.

He was born May 16, 1972 in Pikeville, KY. He was a Free Mason and an electrician in the coal mines. Brian was an Assistant Chief Electrician with 25 years of mining experience.

In addition to his wife and mother he is survived by his children



## Gary Nelson, 48

**1973 - 2021**

Gary Allen Nelson 48 returned home to his heavenly father on August 2, 2021 due to a tragic accident with injuries sustained in a flash flood which occurred at the Gentry-mine in Huntington Canyon Huntington, Utah.

Before his death on this tragic night Gary heroically helped aid other coal miners from death and drowning as he rescued them

from their man trip before being taken in the flash flood. Unfortunately, Gary's life was taken but the families of others are not suffering the loss as his family is.

Gary was born on June 2, 1973 in Mount Pleasant Utah. He graduated from North Sanpete High School in 1991. Gary began working at the early age of 12 with various farm jobs, later at the Moroni Turkey Processing Plant and then CO Building Systems.

Gary started his mining career as a second-generation coal miner in 2010. Gary was currently employed at the Gentry Mine where the horrific accident took place ending his life.

Gary married the love of his life Tara Olsen Nelson on August 14, 1998 and they had four beautiful daughters.

Gary was an amazing father and provider. He loved his girls and his wife more than anything. Gary loved spending time in the great outdoors, hunting and fishing. He loved rides in the mountains spotting and taking pictures of deer, elk and mountain life. In his spare time between his work and supporting his great family he liked to play a little Xbox.

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## David P Steen, 58

**1963 - 2021**

David Patrick Steen, 58 of New Lexington, passed away October 19, 2021 at Genesis Healthcare

He was born March 16, 1963 in Zanesville. David loved riding his motorcycle and traveling with his wife. He also enjoyed fishing with his grandkids. David was an amazing Husband, Father and Papaw.

## Timothy Keith Collins, 53

1968 - 2021



Timothy "Timbo" Keith Collins, 53, a resident of Mill Creek, passed from this life Wednesday, August 11, 2021. He had been in his usual health and death was unexpected. He has died in a mining accident in Randolph County.

Tim was born July 30, 1968, in Elkins. On November 7, 1992, in Mill Creek, he married the former Kelly Ford and together they have two children.

Tim attended the schools of Randolph County and obtained his GED. He was employed as a truck driver for HWM Truck Lines and was currently working at the Carter Roag mine.

Tim coached football and softball at Tygart's Valley when his children were younger. One of his favorite things to do was to sit on the porch with his parents. But most of all he loved spending time with his family and friends. Tim was a good Christian man who volunteered countless hours to several local organizations and to anyone in need. He was a devoted son, husband, father, and friend.

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## Lester Daugherty Jr., 48

1973 - 2021



Lester "Moe" Daugherty Jr age 48 of Sturgis died on Saturday 12/4/2021 while working at the River View Mines in Waverly, KY.

He was born November 17, 1973 in Ohio County. He had worked for 16 years as a mechanic in the coal mines. He was of the Christian faith. He loved his family and enjoyed fishing, Christmas lights and Christmas time of the year. He loved making people smile. He loved watching movies especially horror movies. He was a graduate of class of 1992 at Union County High School.