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FRANKLIN PETE VANNOY

Age 54



Franklin Pete Vannoy of Delbarton, WV Passed away Feb. 10, 2017 at the CAMC Hospital in Charleston, WV. He was born March 27, 1962 in Washington County, VA to the late Franklin Sr. and Edna Goodman Vannoy. He was also preceded in death by nephew, Zachary Vannoy, grandparents, Rev. John and Della Vannoy.

Franklin was a Coal Miner for 13 years and a truck driver for Stacy Equipment. He was also a member of the Little Dove United Baptist Church for 8 years.

Those left behind to cherish his memories include his wife of 28 years, Tomi Vannoy of Delbarton, sons, Matthew May and James May, brothers, Bobby Vannoy and Curtis Vannoy, sisters, Della Marshall and Jane Cardin, grandchildren, Chloe Nicole Munday, Matthew Harley May and Colton May. He will be missed by a host of extended family and friends.

RODNEY STEVEN OSBORNE

Age 32



Rodney Steven Osborne of Artie, WV formerly of Cyclone, WV passed away on Tuesday, June 13, 2017 after a fatal coal mining accident.

He was born on January 16, 1985 in Logan, WV, a son of Randall and Deloris Duffy Osborne of Glen Morgan.

Rodney was a member of the UMWA and a graduate of Woodrow Wilson High School.

He is preceded in death by a son Jacob Allen Koone, grandparents Elsie and Owen Duffy and Christine and Sester Osborne; two uncles John Duffy and Ross Osborne; two aunts Peggy Osborne and Betty Gibson; three cousins Michael Duffy, Jeremy Gibson and Keith Duffy. In addition to his parents survivors include his loving wife Julie May Lasley Osborne; a son Evan Franklin Koone; two brothers Little Randall Osborne Jr. and Toby Osborne both of Glen Morgan; three uncles Owen (Betty) Duffy, David (Coretta) Osborne and Harvey Osborne, all of Cyclone; three aunts Frankie (Gene) Blankenship, Ethel (Bo) Watts, Delmma (Gary) Paynter all of Cyclone; three special cousins Pooh Bear, P Joe, Eva Duffy and Mary Jean Adkins; and a host of other loving family and friends.



DENNIS FILLINGER

Age 62



Dennis James 'Dink' Fillinger 62 of Harts, W.Va., was born Oct. 21, 1954 at Logan, W.Va. a son of the late Blaine and Ella Spry Fillinger. He departed this life on Thursday, April 6, 2017 at Pikeville Medical Center in Pikeville, Ky.

Dennis was a coal miner, Air Force Veteran, and minister. He was a member of the Guyan Freewill Baptist Church. He loved serving the Lord and spreading the Gospel. He enjoyed singing with several gospel groups throughout his life. Dennis loved his family more than anything and loved spending time with his wife at their home in Tennessee.

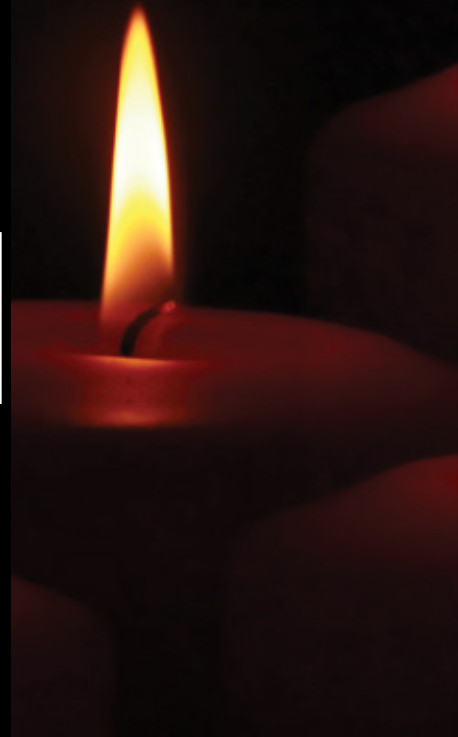
In addition to his parents he was preceded in death by his brother Ronnie Fillinger. Survivors include his wife of 43 years, Judy Barker Fillinger, children; James Michael (Karie) Fillinger of Harts, Greg (Lou Anna) Fillinger of Pecks Mill, and Kelli (Davey) Gibson of Lake, W.Va., six grandsons; Zachary Austin Hensley, Dustin Fillinger, Tyler and Bailey Bowen, and Jaxson and Jase Fillinger, siblings; Dottie Colston, Raymond (Patti) Fillinger, David (Lynn) Fillinger, Donald (Anita) Fillinger, Sue (Marion) Morris, and Debbie (Ralph) Barker, brothers-in-laws; Jackie (Carolyn), Con (Alice), Kenny (Pam), and Billy (Debbie) Barker, sister-in-law Linda Lairson, and he also has a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, extended family members, along with special friends left to cherish his memory.

The family would like to extend their gratitude to the staff of the surgical ICU at Pikeville Medical Center as well as the doctors and surgeons that took such great care of him. They would also like to thank the multitude of people that has sent messages, called, prayed, and visited with Dennis and family during this difficult time.

MARIUS "SLICK" SHEPHERD

Age 32

Marius "Slick" Shepherd of Jasper, passed away Monday, June 19, 2017, at UAB Medical Center in Birmingham. He was a member of Capers Chapel CME Church in Parrish and worked for Seneca Coal Company



JOE PARTIN

Age 33



Joe Partin of Williamsburg, passed away Thursday, March 30, 2017 in Williamsburg, KY.

He was born Feb. 25, 1984 in Jellico, TN, to Terry Wayne Partin and Linda Sue Cox. He was a member of Calvary Missionary Baptist Church.

He is preceded in death by one brother, James Partin, grandfather Fate Cox, and one aunt, Lisa Petrey.

He is survived by his wife, Becca Partin, of Williamsburg; two children, Joseph Partin and Megan Partin, of Williamsburg; his mother, Linda Sue Cox, of Williamsburg; his fathers, Terry Wayne Partin and Larry Dean Campbell, both of Williamsburg; one sister, Misty Partin (Will Moses), of Williamsburg; his grandmother, Pauline Cox, of Williamsburg; nieces, Sophia, Raylyn, Addyson; nephews, Gabriel, Matthew, Landon, Brikson, special friends, Joe Prewitt (Crystal), Cody Jefferies (Tiffany), Daniel Hulsey, Matt Orr, and a host of other relatives and friends to mourn his passing.

RAY HATFIELD

Hindman, Kentucky

Age 42



Ray Hatfield of Hi Hat, passed away Thursday, January 26. He was born January 21, 1975 in McDowell.

MICHAEL LEROY RAMSEY

Age 62



Michael Leroy Ramsey of Colstrip, died Saturday, May 6, 2017, doing what he loved at the Rosebud Mine in Colstrip.

Mike was born Feb. 3, 1955, in Tacoma, Washington. He graduated from WF West High School, in Chehalis, Washington, in 1973. He joined the U.S. Navy, serving three years, where he proudly was a boatswain's mate in Fort Hueneme, California. He served on the USS Norton Sound. He returned to his hometown of Chehalis, Washington, and worked for L&E Bottling. He worked for many years, long haul truck driving, eventually landing his dream job for Transalta Mining Co. in Chehalis, Washington. The Mines Closure in 2006 led him to Montana to work at the Rosebud Mine, where he worked until his death.

In his younger days, Mike enjoyed playing men's slow-pitch. He loved classic cars and NASCAR Races. Mike loved and treasured the friendships he developed over his lifetime. In his later years, he developed a deep love for Eastern Montana and the people that surrounded him there.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Elton and Vivian Ramsey.

He is survived by his wife, of 20 years, Donna, of Colstrip; sister, Karen (Ron) Boquist; son, Jayce Ramsey; uncle, Les (Jill) Ramsey, step-daughters, Corinne (Paul) Williams, Sarah (Steve) Burdick; six grandchildren: Jaiden Ramsey, Brandon (Amanda) Williams, Brooke (Jeremy Caesar) Williams, Spencer Sawyer, and Sadie Burdick; and two great grandsons, Paxton and Rowan Williams; along with numerous cousins.



LUCHES ROSSER

Age 44



Luches Fierre "Big Lou" Rosser of Amherstdale, departed this life Friday, May 19, 2017 in Welch Community Hospital due to a mining accident. He was born Feb. 10, 1973 in Man to the Late Charles Johnson III and Martha Rosser. He was a Mason, a Coalminer that was a member of the U.M.W.A Union #1713, Laborers Union #1199 and a member of at The Original Glorious Church of God at Taplin.

In addition to his parents he is preceded in death by his grandparents; Luches and Virginia Mae Rosser, Aunts; Ann, Bettie and Barbara Rosser, Uncles; Raymond, William and Kyle Rosser and a Cousin; Antwan Rosser. Those left to cherish his memories are his loving wife; Grandparents; Charles and Barbara Johnson II of Huntington, Shelly (Kammerer) Rosser of Amherstdale, Three Sons; Jordan Huntley of Amherstdale, Charles and Christopher Rosser of Amherstdale, one daughter; Shana Marie Rosser, one brother; Anthony Rosser of NJ, sisters; Terri Rosser of NJ, Alisa Johnson of Huntington, Kristi Johnson of MD, Felicia (Robert) Julious and a host of aunts, uncles, nieces and nephews.

ANDREW JOHN "OX" OXENRIDER

Age 28



Andrew John "Ox" Oxenrider of Pitman, passed away Tuesday, July 25, 2017, from injuries sustained in an accident at work. He was born June 2, 1989, and raised in Ashland, a son of Elizabeth (Melocheck) and John Oxenrider. He graduated from Tri-Valley High School in 2008, and was employed as a heavy equipment operator at West Spring Energy. He was a member of Zion E.C. Church, Pitman.

He was an avid outdoorsman. He enjoyed hunting, fishing, archery, camping and spending time with family. He coached football, wrestling and baseball. He is survived by his wife, Molly (Krout) Oxenrider. The couple married Sept. 19, 2015.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by a daughter, Ever Oxenrider; two stepsons, Parker and Jayce Hatter; a sister, Kayla Oxenrider; a sister-in-law, Makanzie, wife of Johnny Warford; his paternal grandfather, James D. Oxenrider; his maternal grandmother, Babe Melocheck; and two nieces and one nephew.

OWEN MARK JONES

Age 52



Owen Mark Jones of Pickens, died Friday, Aug. 25, 2017. He was born Nov. 28, 1965, in Buckhannon, a son of the late Herb Willis and Lulu Belle Tharp Jones.

On Dec. 23, 1988, he was united in marriage to Betty "BJ" Kennedy Jones, who survives.

Also surviving are two sons, Codey Jones and wife, Ciera, of Pickens and Kaleb Jones and wife, Shelby, of French Creek; five grandchildren, Bentley, Addison, Elaina, Barrett and Clinton Jones; two sisters, Christine Tharp Crider and husband, Don, of Missouri, and Lois Jones of Buckhannon; two brothers, Shawn Jones of Pickens and Lyndon Jones and wife, Carry, of Hacker Valley; and five nieces and nephews, Quentin Metzner, Rachel Jones, Jacob Jones, Katelyn Jones and Sarah Jones. In addition to his parents, he was also preceded in death by one brother, Jesse Jones.

Owen was a Baptist by faith and was an avid hunter and fisherman. He enjoyed camping, cooking out in the woods, riding in his side-by-side and pitching horseshoes; and he dearly loved spending time with his grandkids.

THURMAN ANTHONY DALE WATTS

Age 34



Thurman Anthony Dale Watts of Harts, WV, departed this life on Friday, December 29, 2017 in Pax, WV. He was born July 20, 1983 in Logan, WV a son of Roger & Darlene Watts of Harts, WV.

He was preceded in death by his grandparents, Thurman "Stump" & Maxine Watts and two uncles, Steve Watts, Jack Brumfield and several other aunts and uncles.

Anthony loved working strip mine jobs, doing volunteer work at fire department. He was a loving son, brother, cousin and father.

In addition to his parents, those left to cherish his memory include one son, Wesley Watts of Harts; one sister, Julie & Orla Hager of Harts; one niece, Kirsten Hager; one uncle, Randall Watts; three aunts, Molly Fulton, Gay Watts and Davanna Duty; and cousins, Randell Lee Watts, Shawn Watts, Tash Duty, Hope Fulton, Delores Kessler, Eddie Watts, Jeremy Fulton, Brandy Meadows, Katrina Watts, Kristal Watts, Shannon Messer, John Messer and a host of others cousins.



JASON KENNETH MATTHEWS

Age 43



Jason Kenneth Matthews of Bluefield, VA, passed away suddenly after a mining accident on Monday, February 27, 2017. Born on March 8, 1973, he was the son of Ronald Matthews and the late Margaret Anderson Matthews. Jason was an avid outdoorsman and loved riding his Harley Davidson with his beloved wife, Angie. His greatest love was his family and the time spent with them. Jason served in the United States Air Force and had a long career as a coal miner.

He will be lovingly and affectionately remembered by the love of his life, his wife, Angie Matthews; his father: Ronald Matthews; his children: Austin and Ashley Matthews; the light of his life, Carter Avery Matthews (Carter Man); brother: Stephan Wayne Matthews of New Milford, CT.

JASON DEAN STEVENS

Age 32



Jason Dean Stevens passed away on August 3, 2017 in Rangely, Colorado due to injuries from a coal mine accident. He was born March 19, 1985 in Price, Utah to Gary Lynn and Jolene Collard Stevens.

Jason grew up loving to camp, ride motorcycles and 4-wheelers, and hunt and fish with his family. He enjoyed playing football, lifting weights, playing video games, putting together legos and reading. Jason graduated from Emery High where he was involved in football, 4-H and weight lifting. He enjoyed riding motorcycles with his dad, brother and friends. He loved building things with his dad. Jason was LDS.

Jason married Jasmin Aubri Snow in Castle Dale, Utah on March 6, 2004 and marriage was solemnized on July 3, 2012 in the Manti Temple. They were blessed with two wonderful boys Hoss Dean Stevens and Jace Christopher Stevens.

Jason loved doing anything with his family. He loved to drive his jeep and go camping with his family. He loved playing video games and putting together puzzles with his boys. Jason loved to read books, study history and most of all help people. He worked really hard to provide for his family and give them the best life possible.

Jason was the most amazing storyteller, a trait he passed on to his boys. There was a side to him that only the very luckiest were able to see. He was always teaching someone, and made sure his wife and boys were prepared for just about anything. He was the very best friend, one that you could call on anytime and he would be there. He was so devoted and loyal to everyone he loved.

He is survived by his wife Jasmin, sons Hoss and Jace, parents, brother Kurt Stevens and sister Cindi Stevens. He was preceded in death by his grandpa Paul Stevens, grandma LaRena Collard, uncle Edward Edwards and cousin Joel Edwards.



JAMES RAY ADKINS

Age 48



James Ray Adkins of Sycamore Hollow, went to be with the Lord on Monday, October 23, 2017. He was born December 21, 1968, in Beckley, the youngest son of Thomas William Adkins and Gloria Jean Weeks Adkins of Sycamore. He was preceded in death by paternal grandparents, Hubert and Dolly Adkins, and maternal grandparents, Jessie and Mable "Granny Boo" Weeks; mother-in-law, Della "Cap-py" Compton, who probably greeted him at the gate.

In addition to his parents, those left to cherish his memory include a loving wife of 25 years, Wilma Lee Adkins; a son, Jacob Ryan Adkins "Bub," and a daughter, Sarah Elizabeth Adkins "Sis," all of Sycamore; a sister, Pamela Sue and Wayne Browning of Princewick; a brother, Thomas Williams Jr., "Brother," and April Adkins of Clear Creek; a father-in-law, Williams C. Compton Sr., "Pop paw Bill," of Sycamore; a sister-in-law, Helen Jean McQuillan, and a brother-in-law, William C. Compton Jr., "Billy," both of Charleston; an uncle; many aunts, cousins, nieces and nephews, he loved dearly.

He was a Christian not ashamed of the gospel of Jesus Christ. He attended church at Sycamore Pentecostal Church of God "Holy Ghost Headquarters" where he was the Sunday School superintendant. He loved the outdoors. In his own words, "Besides church, Jake, Sarah, Wilma, I like hunting and fishing." He never failed to give God glory and praise for all his blessings. He was a 1987 graduate of Clear Fork High School. He had been employed as a coal miner for 21 years.

JAIME OLIVAS

Age 39



Jaime Olivas passed away Thursday, Sept. 28, 2017. Mr. Olivas was a resident of Rock Springs for the past nine years and former resident of California.

He was born Oct. 10, 1977, in Zapotillo, Sinaloa, Mexico, the son of Jose Olivas and Maria Martina Gastelum. Mr. Olivas attended schools in Mexico. He married Diana Meza in Green River on Oct. 2, 2009. Mr. Olivas was employed by Bridger Coal Company as a miner. His interests included spending time with family.

He is survived by his wife; two sons Jaime Daniel Olivas and Noah Olivas; four brothers Jose Luis Olivas, Tomas Olivas, Hector Olivas and Deyni Olivas; six sisters Blanca Sanchez, Alma Sanchez, Maria F. Olivas, Neiz Olivas, Sara A. Olivas and Zayda Olivas; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

