

2019 MINER'S MEMORIAL

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**FELIX M.
NORTH, 48,**

May 30 2019,

**Rex Coal
Company
Inc.**



Felix "Matt" North, 48 of Brownies Creek, passed away on Thursday, May 30, 2019 at the Johnson City Medical Center in Johnson City, Tennessee. He was born in Pin-ville on August 24, 1970 and was the son of William E. "Cotton" and Joan Hall North. Matt believed in the Pen-tecostal faith and was proud to be a Coal Miner.

In addition to his parents, Cotton and Joan of Miracle, Matt is survived by his daughter, Lindsey Marie Small-wood and her husband, Wesley of Tunnel Hill, GA and their soon to be born twin granddaughters whom Matt was excitedly waiting on the arrival of, Eleanor and Lillian Smallwood; his fiancé and the love of his life, Wendy Gaw Blanton of Harlan, and her children, Allison, Madison and Hunter Blanton; brothers and sisters, Linda Crider of Mir-acle, William "Junior" North of Sugar Valley, GA, Teresa North Powell of Berea, KY and Todd North and wife, Jes-sica of Chatsworth, GA; his great-nephew and special lil' buddy, Levi Hamlin; and a host of nieces, nephews, great-nieces and nephews, other relatives and many friends.

**JOHN D.
DITTERLINE,
55,
January 5th 2019,

Alliace Resource
Partners LP**



John D. Ditterline, 55, of Equality, passed away at 4:45 a.m. on Saturday, Jan. 5, 2019 at the Hamilton Memorial Hospital in McLeansboro, as a result of a tragic mine accident.

John was born on Feb. 4, 1963 in Rosiclare, the son of the late John Franklin Ditterline and Mary Lee (Jones) Combs. John married Kimberly A. Miller on Oct. 10, 2012.

He was a private in the U.S. Army 46th Engineer Battalion, Company A and served his country from 1981-1985. He was a beloved husband, father and grandfather. John worked in the coal mines almost all of his adult life. He took pride in being a coal miner, and through all of his years of experience, he tried his best to mentor the younger generation of coal miners. He enjoyed deer and mushroom hunting. He enjoyed working on many different projects in his garage. He loved spending his time on the Ohio River and with his river family at Saline Landing. He was a person everyone enjoyed to be around. He was always able to put a smile on the faces of those around him. John is survived by his loving wife, Kim Ditterline of Equality; two daughters, Keshia (Chad) Bates of Mount Carmel and Kassie Winters of Harrisburg; two sons, Jayden (Sara) Ditterline of Mount Carmel and Craig Winters of Harrisburg; six sisters, Paula (Dennis) Thaxton of Harrisburg, Belinda Ditterline of Owensboro, Kentucky, Christy (Ronnie) Hughes of Harrisburg, Kathy Ferrell of Harrisburg, Jeanette Stone of Springfield and Sandra Gidcumb of Ohio; one brother, Greg Bates of Harrisburg; and six grandchildren, Mackenzie, Trace, Brielle, Lydia, Audrey and Sydney.

He was preceded in death by his parents and one sister, Diana Colboth.

**JEFFERY N.
SLONE, 56,
January 14 2019,
Tennco Inc.**



Jeffery (Jeff) Norman Slone

Clinton, TN

Jeffery (Jeff) Norman Slone of Clinton, Anderson County, Tennessee, passed away Monday, January 14, 2019, in an accident near Balkan Kentucky. He was 56 years young. He was preceded in death by his father, Ezra Donald Slone, his mother Barbara Dee "Susie" Slone.

He is survived by his wife, Mable Ruth "Sam", his children son Matthew Slone and wife Jessica of Clinton daughter Sarah Slone Walker and husband Chris of Knoxville, adopted daughter Amanda Newcomer and children Kingston, Zoie and Scarlett; brothers Robert Michael, Timothy Kevin (wife Kimberly), and Patrick Donald, three grandchildren, Gabriella Reece, Zavier Matthew, Tyson Ezra; nephews Thomas (wife Cecelia) and Bryan, and niece Kacy (husband Andy).

He was born in Benham, Kentucky. He was of the Baptist faith and a graduate of the Clear Creek Baptist Bible College in Pineville Kentucky, BS Arts of Ministry 1991; a Pastor of several churches, Big Prater Baptist Church of Vansant Virginia, Piney Grove Baptist Church of Midtown, Coolidge First Baptist Church of Lafollette and Evangelism Second Baptist Church of Clinton Tennessee. Jeff was an Eagle Scout. Jeff was a fervent servant of the Lord.



ADAM DEBOARD, 38,

March 7 2019,

White Forest Resources, Inc.

Adam Paul DeBoard, 38, of Craigsville, WV, went home to be with the Lord on Thursday, March 7, 2019.

Adam was born on January 16, 1981, in Summersville, WV, to the late Earnest Pat DeBoard and Diana Lynn Hartley BeBoard. He was a loving husband, father, brother, son-in-law, grandson-in-law, and friend. He loved to hunt and go camping and ride his Harley. He was a loyal friend and he never met a stranger. He was a very hard worker.

He is survived by his wife, Kala DeBoard, Craigsville, WV; 2 children, Abbigail and Jase, at home; 2 brothers, Joseph Pat DeBoard, Fayetteville, WV, and Robert Aaron DeBoard, Webster Springs, WV; father and mother-in-law, Grady and Julia Isenhart, Craigsville, WV; sister-in-law, Keri Isenhart, Craigsville, WV; grandmother-in-law, Judy Amos, Craigsville, WV.

**MICHAEL S.
DAVIS, 42,**

August 7 2019,

**Blackhawk
Mining LLC**



Michael "Scott" Davis of West Hamlin, born Sept 19, 1976, passed away Aug 7th 2019.

He is preceded in death by his paternal grandparents, Rebecca and Ernest Davis of West Hamlin and maternal grandparents Donald and Ethel Watts of Branchland, as well as one uncle Donald Watts JR of Branchland. He is survived by his long time girlfriend Joanie Gallion and their 3-year-old son Grayson Davis.

He leaves behind his parents Richard "Sandy" Davis and Deloris Davis, both of West Hamlin and two brothers, Richard Neil Davis of West Hamlin and Nickolas Davis of Ranger.

Scott was a hard working, devoted father son and friend, and a great man. He will be missed by all that knew him.

**THOMAS A
FLINSPACH, 20,
August 20 2019,
Falcon Power
LLC**



Thomas Allen “Tommy” Flinspach, 20, of Clintonville, formerly of Rockland, died tragically in a workplace accident on Tuesday morning, August 20, 2019.

According to Gerry Rae, Chief of Clintonville Volunteer Fire Department, around 8:15 a.m. on Tuesday, Flinspach, who was employed as an assistant plant operator at the Lisbon Road power plant, died after falling approximately 60 feet down a large shaft in the area of the coal chutes at the plant.

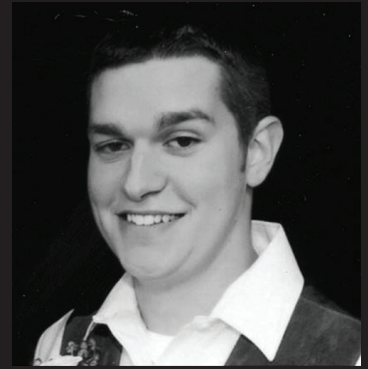
Tommy Flinspach was born in Clarion on February 28, 1999, to Brian T. and Mary E. (Neiswonger) Flinspach.

He graduated from Cranberry High School in 2018 completing a welding course at the Vo-Tech, with honors. While in school, he enjoyed playing baseball, basketball, and football.

Flinspach was involved in the Venango 4-H Program with both the Seneca Indians and the Ruff Riders. He, along with his siblings and cousins, were known through 4-H as “The Six Pack.” Tommy was also an active member of the Rockland Volunteer Fire Department, where he served as a firefighter and with the fire police.



**TANNER
MCFARLAND, 25,
August 29 2019,
CONSOL Energy
Inc.**



Tanner Lee McFarland, 25 of Washington died unexpectedly on Thursday-August 29, 2019 as a result of injuries sustained in a coal mining accident. He was born March 31, 1994 in Pittsburgh, PA the son of Kevin and Sherry Hull McFarland of Washington who survive. Mr. McFarland was a 2012 graduate of Trinity High School and later went on to graduate from Penn State University with an Associate's De-

gree in Mining Technology. He was employed by Consol Energy as a coal miner for the past six years. Mr. McFarland was a member of the Sinnemahoning Sportsmen's Association. He enjoyed hunting, fishing, sports shooting and working on home improvements. Mr. McFarland was a true family man. His family meant everything to him and he loved and savored every moment that he spent with his wife and son. Mr. McFarland touched so many lives and he will be dearly missed by all that knew and loved him.

On September 12, 2015 he married Casey L. Doyle McFarland who survives. She has always been proud to carry the McFarland name. Also surviving is a son, Gavin Lee McFarland at home. Mr. and Mrs. McFarland are also currently expecting their second child. Also surviving are two sisters, Kendel (Cameron) Nutter of Washington and Lexie McFarland of Clarksburg, West Virginia; paternal grandparents, Darryl and Charlotte McFarland of Houston, PA; mother in law, Leigh Ann (James) Pearson of Washington and sister in law, Taylor Doyle of Arkansas. Several aunts, uncles and cousins also survive.

Mr. McFarland was preceded in death by his maternal grandparents, Paul and Mary Hull.

"We are saddened to confirm that we lost a member of the Consol Energy family at our Enlow Fork Mine during an incident underground," said a written statement from Consol Energy. We extend our deepest sympathies to the family and loved ones during this very difficult time."

**JEREMY L.
ELDER, 39,**

**September 5
2019,**

**Alliance
Resource
Partners, LP**



Jeremy Lee Elder, 39, of Providence, KY passed away on Thursday September 5, 2019. He was a Coal Miner. He worked for Dotiki Mines and Warrior Coal for 15 years.

He was a member of the Shady Grove Missionary Baptist Church in Shady Grove, KY, where he served as a Deacon, Sunday School Teacher and helped as a Youth Director. Jeremy was an avid hunter and loved camping. He loved working out at Drake's Fitness in Providence, KY. Jeremy loved taking his kids riding on his RZR, he enjoyed trucking/hauling for his dad's company Elder Hauling. He served as a committee member for the Jingle Jog 5k walk/run for Arthritis in honor of his son.

He was preceded in death by his grandparents Chester "Cowboy" and Robbie Elder, John Ipock and Howard Brooks. Survivors include his wife of 20 years Kristi Elder of Providence, KY; 2 sons Rylan and Holden Elder both at home; his parents Terry and Loretta Elder of Providence, KY; his grandmother Violet Brooks of Providence, KY and 1 brother Adam Elder of Providence, KY.

**STEVEN V.
KEENEY, 40,**

**September 17,
2019,**

**Blackhawk
Mining LLC**



STEVEN VERNON KEENEY, 40, of Sylvester, went home to be with the Lord on Tuesday, September 17, 2019.

He was born on November 11, 1978, in Charleston, to Michael and Melissa Keeney of Sylvester. He graduated from Sherman High School in 1997.

He was preceded in death by his angel baby, "Peanut"; his paternal grandparents, Averel and Mary Keeney; his maternal grandmother, Mary Pyles.

He is survived by his son, Mason Keeney of Sylvester; his parents, Michael and Melissa Keeney; sister, Misty Keeney-Hill (Chris); nephews, Cayden and Landon Hill, and niece, Hailey Hill; and a multitude of aunts, uncles and cousins.

"There's no other person in this life I've ever met that had a heart as big as Steve's. His heart was pure, his intentions and interest were always in the best of others. He loves his son, Mason, more than life itself. His love, his passion and his life will forever live on in the heart of his son, his nephews and his niece. This world is a better place just because he was in it. He has touched the lives of so many people and, even though God called you Home, your legacy and your life will live on. Our hearts are breaking but we know you are holding "Peanut." We love you and will miss you."

**RAYMOND
STARKEY, 21,**

December 23, 2019,

**Robert E Murray
Company**



Ray L. Starkey Jr., age 21, of New Martinsville, WV, passed away from a mining accident, Monday, December 23, 2019 at Reynolds Memorial Hospital Glen Dale, WV.

He was born November 29, 1998, the son of Raymond (Cindy) Starkey of New Martinsville, WV, and the late Anna Wade.

He was a coal miner for Murray Energy: McElroy mine, and a member of the Moose Lodge #931 of New Martinsville, WV.

In addition to his mother, he was preceded in death by his paternal grandparents, Beffo & Mary Starkey and maternal grandfather, Larry Wade.

In addition to his father, survivors include a sister, Autumn Amos of Pine Grove, WV; a fiancé, Cassandra Olson of New Martinsville, WV; maternal grandmother, Andrea Wade of Reader, WV; two step-sisters, Heather Carroll of New Martinsville and Christy Fulks of Paden City and several aunts and uncles including Aleatha Howell, Jimmy, Jack and George Hartline and, Marie Butcher and several nieces and nephews.

Memorial Contributions can be made to Magnolia High School Band 601 Maple Ave. New Martinsville, WV 26155.

U.S. Senator Joe Manchin (D-WV) released the following statement on the death of coal miner, Raymond L. Starkey, in the Murray Energy Marshall County mine.

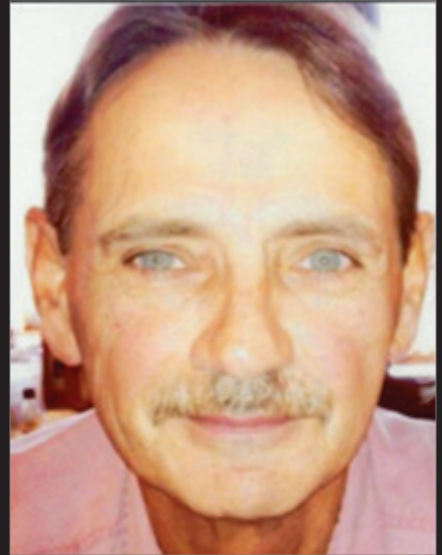
" Gayle and I send our deepest sympathies to Raymond L. Starkey's family and loved ones and we, along with all West Virginians, will keep them in our prayers during this difficult time. Our coal miners risk their lives every day to power our nation and we are forever grateful for their sacrifices and contributions to our great country. It is difficult to hear of someone so young leaving us too soon, especially during this special time of year. This is truly a tragic loss for all of West Virginia "



**RICHARD L.
KNAPP, 62,**

July 31 2019,

**Ken
American
Resources
Inc.**



Richard Knapp, 62, of West Frankfort, passed away Wednesday July 31, 2019 at 5:30 pm in Bremen, Kentucky.

Richard was born on April 3, 1957 in Herrin, Illinois to Johnnie and Carol Sue (Ballard) Knapp. He was of the Baptist faith and attended Whittington Church. He loved to fish, golf and be with his grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his mother and brother Jeffrey Knapp.

He is survived by his wife Dena; a son Ryan Knapp; a daughter Kristin Knapp; step-son Josh Clarke-Crews; Three Grandchildren Aiden, Masan, and Ally; Father and step mother Johnnie and Glenda Knapp; Sisters Joni Wiggins, Brenda Lam, Laura Kern, Mary Jo Knapp; a brother Frank Knapp, and father and mother-in-law Homer and Pearl Hooker.