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David A Moyer (63)
(1960 – 2024)
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David A. "Hap" Moyer, 63, of Schuylkill Haven, passed away January 29th, 2024.

He is survived by his wife, Sherry (McDonald) Moyer, as well as children, Brandon McDonald and Jessica May.

Virgil Paynter Jennings (59)
(1965 – 2024)
CM Energy Operations LP



Virgil Jennings Paynter, 59, of Lynco, WV passed away on Thursday, May 16, 2024 following an accident at work in Coal Mountain, WV. He was born on April 3, 1965 in Man, WV a son of the late Dexter and Nellie Bailey Paynter. To know him was to love him. In addition to his parents, he is preceded in death by a son Virgil Gene Paynter, a grandson Hunter Paynter, a sister Magaline Porschart, two brothers Boyd Paynter and Richard Paynter, a niece Tiffany Maynor, and his in laws Bob and Carol Copley. Survivors include his wife Sherri Renee Copley Paynter, a son Johnathon Paynter, step sons Brian Barker and Phillip Hollister, two brothers Gary (Delma) Paynter of Cyclone and Eddie (Marsha) Paynter of SC, three sisters Donna (Freddie) Lusk of Cyclone, Beverly Sue (Mark) Snodgrass of Cyclone and Jennifer (George) Bailey of

Oceana, grandchildren Ryan Barker, Sarah Barker, Cadance Hollister, Gabriel Cook, Katlyn Blankenship, Delwood Blankenship, Kyra Paynter, Levi Paynter and Jacob Paynter, and a host of other loving family and friends.

"This is truly a heartbreaking tragedy because we lost another incredible West Virginia hero," Gov. Justice said. "We should all be grateful for Mr. Paynter's service, just as we should be thankful for all the miners across our state and country. We really can't appreciate our miners enough for their work, which powers and creates steel for our homes, state, and nation. This is a tragedy beyond belief, and Cathy and I will keep this man and his loved ones in our prayers. We ask you to join us."

U.S. Senator Joe Manchin also expressed condolences.

"Gayle and I are deeply saddened to hear of the passing of Virgil Paynter at the CM Energy Operations LP Surface Mine in Wyoming County. We ask all West Virginians to join us in keeping his family, friends and loved ones in our prayers. West Virginians and Americans are forever grateful to the brave miners who put their lives at risk every day to power our nation and Virgil's sacrifices will never be forgotten. Gayle and I send our deep condolences to Virgil's wife, Sherri, and all of his loved ones as they mourn this incredible loss."

Brock Anthony "Turtle" Jackson (27) (1996 – 2024) Coronado Coal, LLC



Brock "Turtle" Anthony Jackson, age 27, of Cedar Bluff, VA, passed away on Friday, May 31, 2024.

Brock was born on September 27, 1996 in Richlands, VA and was the son of Susan Leigh Lester and her husband, Michael of Cedar Bluff, VA; and his late father, Bobby Curtis Jackson, II. He was a graduate of Anchors Academy; and was a miner of Buchanan #1. He was a lifelong resident of the Cedar Bluff area. Brock will be missed by all his loving family and friends.

In addition to his mother and stepfather, he is survived by daughters Lacey Grey Jackson & Hadley Erica-Blake Vance Jackson, fiancée Caitlin Ball, sister Tanah Ferguson, brother Bobby Curtis Jackson, III, aunt Miranda and husband, Scotty Boyd, niece Aurora Jackson, nephew Kylian Ferguson, maternal grandparents, Danny and Bonnie Ball and paternal grandparents, Bob and Barbara Jackson.

Also surviving are several family and friends.

Ashley L Cogar (33) (1990 – 2024) Pocahontas Coal Company, LLC



Ashley Lynn Cogar, 33, of Erbacon, passed away on Tuesday, July 23, 2024, at Charleston Area Medical Center after injuries she obtained in a mining accident. She was born on December 31, 1990, in Summersville, the daughter of Earl and Patricia Cogar.

Ashley was a 2010 graduate of Webster County High School. She was a rock truck driver at Wyco surface mine and formerly worked at Brooks Run Coal Company. Ashley enjoyed hunting, fishing, kayaking, drawing, vacationing, and spending

time with her children. She had a kind heart and always enjoyed helping others.

In addition to her parents, she is survived by her three children, Vivian Cogar, Dessel Cogar and Bo Carpenter all at home; brothers, James Holcomb, Jason Cogar (Brittany Long), David Cogar (Christy Hamrick), and Bobby Cogar (Taunya Massie); and many aunts, uncles, nieces and nephews.

Brian A Brotzman (44) (1980 – 2024) Atlantic Carbon Group, Inc.



Brian A. Brotzman, 44, of Hazleton, passed away from injuries received at his place of employment.

He was born in Wilkes-Barre, son of the late Mary Spohr.

He was employed at the Atlantic Carbon Group, Stockton Mt. Road, Hazle Twp.

He was preceded in death, in addition to his mother, by the following brothers and sisters, Clayton Spohr III, Cheryl Spohr and Steven Spohr.

He is survived by his brother and sister, Agnes Deroa, West Hazleton; Shawn Brotzman and his wife, Justine, Hazleton; and several nieces and nephews.

William Joseph Crandall (57) (1966 – 2024) Arch Resources, Inc.



William Joseph Crandall, 57, of Fairmont, passed away on Wednesday, August 7, 2024, at the WVU Hospitals Ruby Memorial in Morgantown due to injuries sustained in a mining accident. He was born in Fairmont, August 25, 1966, a son of Rebecca Joyce Gump Crandall, of Fairview, and the late Joseph Cecil Crandall. On October 19, 2013, he married Davina Marie Burge-Crandall who survives.

Also surviving are one daughter, Makenze Carder and her husband Steven, Fairmont; one grandson, Braxton Carder; his siblings, Joyce Crandall, Morgantown, Mike Crandall and his wife Chante, Grafton, Margaret "Maggie" Crandall, Fairview; his father-in-law, David Burge, Rivesville; brother-in-law, Mike Toothman, Barrackville, several nieces, nephews, cousins, and other extended family; and his Arch Resources-Leer Mining family. Joe was also preceded in death by his mother-in-law, Janice Burge, and a son, Jonathan David Williams.

Joe was a "Weekend Warrior" with Leer Mining where he was a motor operator. He was a 1984 graduate of North Marion High School. He could do anything and would always be there to lend a helping hand to anyone who needed it, whether he knew them or not. He was loving, caring, giving, and compassionate. Joe was a handy man and was the small engine "guru". He enjoyed playing his mandolin and his motorcycles. Joe was a man of faith and was a member of the Fairview Bethel Church.

Leonard A Barnes (62) (1962 – 2024) Arch Resources, Inc.



Leonard Allen Barnes passed away 08/11/2024 at West Elk Mine. He was 62 years old.

Leonard was born on May 28, 1962 in Knob Noster, Missouri to Ellen Irene Barnes (Woods) and Kenneth Arwood Barnes Jr. He grew up in Aspen/Basalt Colorado and graduated from Basalt High School in 1980.

He met Jean and they were married on September 20, 1980. They celebrated 43 years together.

Leonard and Jean made their way to Delta County making Hotchkiss their home for 34 years. He has been a resident of the Western Slope for 60 years. When not working he enjoyed spending time with his family, hunting, fishing, music and the great outdoors.

Leonard is survived by his beloved, devoting wife Jean of Hotchkiss; his loving daughters Amber (Chris) of Delta and Mandy (DJ) of Grand Junction; his 5 grandchildren, Adalynn, Collin, Zayne, Kaelynn and Rylee; his two brothers Scott and Kevin of Grand Junction.

Leonard is preceded in death by his parents, grandparents, and other various family members.

Leonard was an outstanding, selfless man. He was always willing to lend a helping hand and touched the lives of so many people. He was very proud of the family he created with his wife and loved to brag about them. His favorite saying was "It's the 4 of us against the world".

Gary Allen Chapman (33) (1990 – 2024) Arch Resources, Inc.



Gary Allen Chapman, 33, of South Williamson, went to be with the Lord on Sept. 6, 2024.

He was born Dec. 27, 1990, the son of Gary (Angel) Chapman and Annie (Ronald) Whetzel.

Gary was a dedicated father, husband and coal miner who worked every day to keep the wolves away.

He is preceded in death by his grandmother, Mary Daniels Blankenship, grandfather Ancie Daniels, uncles Lawrence Daniels, David Leonard Daniels and Ancie Daniels Jr., and beloved cousin, Daid Crockett Anderson.

In addition to his parents, he leaves behind his wife, Jennifer Chapman and his loving children, Danica, Baily, Jaxxon, Terry, Nicholas Jr., Alexis and Xavier. He also leaves behind his brother Jay (Emily) Chapman, niece Macey, nephew Jaden, cousin Johnny "like a brother" Anderson (Heather and children), and a host of family and friends.

Colton Wade Walls (34) (1990 – 2024) Arch Resources, Inc.



Colton Wade Walls, 34, of Bruceton Mills, WV, passed away October 5th, 2024 at JW Ruby Memorial Hospital.

Born August 25, 1990, to Marshall and Kristi (Wolfe) Walls of Albright, WV.

He was preceded in death by maternal grandmother Kathy Wolfe of Fellowsville, WV, paternal grandmother Vivian "Toots" Walls, paternal grandfather Robert Walls of Albright, WV, and sister-in-law Brieanne Dietz of Morgantown, WV.

He is survived by his wife of 10 years Jondai (Dietz) Walls; sons Carter (Bolyard), Mason, and Hudson; brother Cameron (Emily) Walls; parents Marshall and Kristi Walls; in-laws Dave (Tracey) Dietz and Bobbi (Jeff)

McElroy; and brother in laws John (Fallon) Dietz and Ben Dietz.

Colton was known by all for his work ethic and kindness, whether it was in the coal mines, working on his parents' farm, or helping out anyone who needed it. He was very smart and could fix and build almost anything. Colton had an avid love for the outdoors and enjoyed spending time in the woods and on the river. But, as much as he loved hunting and fishing, his main source of happiness came from his family. Colton loved passing baseball with Mason, driving tractor with Hudson, and camping at the river with the whole family. He was the leader of the "farm crew" when hay making season came around, was continuously plotting their next hunting strategy with Cameron, or brushing up on his cornhole game with Jondai. No matter how busy he was he always made time to get the boys to basketball or baseball practices, camps, and games. He was always there to cheer them on and coach them through it. Colton put 110% into everything he did. He was a coal miner, a farmer, a hunter, a fisherman, a baseball coach, an uncle, a son, a brother, a husband, a father, and a friend to anyone that had the pleasure to know him. He was taken from this world too soon, but his memory will live on within his sons. Colton was an organ donor and continues to help people even in death.