



Bernard Foley

August 23, 1930 - June 11, 2019

LASHMEET – Bernard Foley, 88 of Lashmeet died peacefully at Princeton Community Hospital on June 11, 2019 surrounded by his loving family. Born August 23, 1930 at Beeson he was the son of the late Forest Marshall Foley and Velva Shrewsbury Foley.

Bernard graduated from Matoaka High School in 1948 and worked for A&P for 31 years then at Athens School for the remainder of his career until retiring in 1993. He also served in the WV Army National Guard 150th Cavalry for 24 years attaining the rank of Sergeant 1st Class. He was an active member of the Lashmeet Ruritan Club for almost 50 years joining the club 6 months after it was chartered. He served numerous positions including Zone Governor, Lt Governor and District Treasurer. His tireless hours of volunteerism to the organization earned him the prestigious Tom Downing Award in 2004. Bernard took a strong interest in music and started teaching himself to play the banjo given to him by his Grandpa Foley at the age of 12 and continued to learn the guitar and other instruments throughout the years. He was honored to be selected as a personal entertainer to Senator Robert Byrd on the Senator's last visit to his home place. The Midnight Ramblers band of which he was a member provided the music at the campaign rally for George W. Bush in 2002 at the Brushfork Armory which was attended by his father former President George H.W. Bush. Bernard had several gospel songs and CDs published. He played in numerous bands including Midnight Ramblers, Uncle Sam & the

Gospel Gang and In2Blu. He spent many years selflessly donating his time and musical talent entertaining at nursing homes, hospitals, community events and reunions. He spent most of his life providing music at his church, most recently attending Grace Temple Church in Princeton, of which he was a founding member.

In addition to his parents he was preceded in death by sisters, Christina Dillon, Crystal Williams, Pauline McBride and Reva Harrison and brother, Marshall Foley.

Left to cherish his memory are his loving wife of 60 years, Glenda Beggs Foley; children, Kathy Rogers and husband JD of Del Ray Beach, FL, Byron Foley of Edmond, OK, Sandra Baxter and husband Brian of Princeton, Sherri Poole and husband David of Princeton, Steve Foley of Lashmeet, David Foley and wife Becky of Bluefield and Michael Foley of Yadkinville, NC; brother, Charles Foley of Boiling Springs, SC; sister-in-law, Cheryl Foley of Colorado Springs, CO; nine grandchildren and five great grandchildren.

Bernard loved the Lord, his family, his friends, a good dessert, delivering a witty one-liner and the sweet sound of a well-played Martin guitar. He will be greatly missed by all who knew him.

Funeral services will be conducted at 1:00 p.m. Tuesday, June 18, 2019 at Bailey-Kirk Funeral Home with Pastor Connie Lester officiating. Interment will follow at Resthaven Memorial Park in Princeton where military honors will be conducted by Mercer County Veterans Honor Guard.

Friends may visit with the family from 6-8 p.m. Monday, June 17 at the funeral home.

Arrangements by Bailey-Kirk Funeral Home in Princeton. Online condolences

may be sent to the family at www.bailey-kirk.com.

Cemetery Details

Resthaven Memorial Park

1917 West Main St.
Princeton, WV 24740

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 17. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Bailey-Kirk Funeral Home
1612 Honaker Avenue
Princeton, WV 24740
(304) 425-8176
info@bailey-kirk.com
<https://www.bailey-kirk.com>

Funeral Service

JUN 18. 1:00 PM (ET)

Bailey-Kirk Funeral Home
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Tribute Wall



“ *Bailey-Kirk Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Bernard Foley*



Bailey-Kirk Funeral Home - June 17, 2019 at 06:32 PM



“ *Bernard Foley*

December 27, 2022 at 03:07 PM



“ *A VERY GODLY MAN WENT TO CHURCH WITH HIM YEARS AGO FULL OF THE SPRIT OF GOD HE MADE IT HOME NO DOUBT GOD LOVE YA ...*



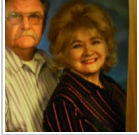
GARY BASHAM - July 15, 2019 at 03:42 AM



“ *Byron, I am so sorry for your loss. Please know that I am praying for you and your family. I pray for your comfort, your peace and safe travels.*

*Love,
Paulette Bridges Ayers*

Paulette Bridges Ayers - June 21, 2019 at 01:30 PM



“ TO know Bernard Foley was to love him. He was such a kind and precious man. We all loved him!!! Heaven has indeed gained a very very SPECIAL ANGEL!!!! Our hearts and prayers go out to Glenda and his family and loved ones. We love you.....hold on to all those beautiful memories.....We were all so blessed to have known him, and he will be missed, but someday you will meet again. With love and deepest sympathy, Ray and Anne Lyle

Anne Rose-lyle - June 18, 2019 at 11:34 AM



“ Debbie Greer lit a candle in memory of Bernard Foley



Debbie Greer - June 15, 2019 at 06:17 PM



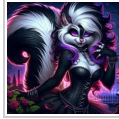
“ A wonderful person, I've known him all of my life, he played gospel music with my dad Ray Mills. He also played for me in the Harvesters group, the Lester Family and many more. My dad always said, He's the best Rhythm guitar Player he ever played with. He stated he would never go anywhere without him. Thank you Bernard for all those years of loyalty in music and friendship. Now you and my dad will play again.

Laura Annette Young - June 15, 2019 at 05:22 PM



“ He was such a sweet person! He was our custodian n would get me n a couple friends out of class to help him clean in the cafeteria.....miss those days! RIP Mr Foley! U will b missed! 😞😞

Heather Greene - June 15, 2019 at 06:01 AM



Amen

Arianna-Fred Spradlin-Keffer - June 16, 2019 at 03:49 PM

LS

“ *Bernard has always been an inspiration to me , he loved everybody and everyone love him . A very sweet man, he always reminded me of my (Papa Artie Shrewsbury) . He always had encouraging words . I will miss him . Prayers for the family 🙏*

Linda Steele(Shrewsbury) - June 14, 2019 at 04:38 PM

GH

“ *Glen and Melody Hawkins purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Bernard Foley.*



Glen and Melody Hawkins - June 14, 2019 at 01:25 PM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Bernard Foley.*



June 14, 2019 at 12:20 PM

MP

“ I will miss him he was a good friend to me and my brother we won't forget our trips to monocove lake and our time spent at Mr. Foleys cabin were we told jokes shot a 22 pistol went fishing and just had a great time with our dear friend now he is in a better place walking with his Lord and savior Jesus christ and waiting our arrival



Mark Phillips - June 14, 2019 at 10:00 AM

JB

“ James Bartley purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Bernard Foley.



James Bartley - June 14, 2019 at 06:28 AM

AH

“ I remember him so fondly from school. He was so kind to everyone. Rest in heaven Mr Foley. Your work on earth is done.



angela hanson - June 13, 2019 at 10:12 PM

TF

“ The Colorado Foley's and Extended Family purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Bernard Foley.



The Colorado Foley's and Extended Family - June 13, 2019 at 06:52 PM

CS

“ We are so sorry for your loss. Praying for your family.

Candy Stanley - June 13, 2019 at 04:29 PM



“ TonyanEdgar Wicks lit a candle in memory of Bernard Foley

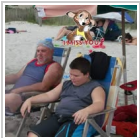


TonyanEdgar Wicks - June 13, 2019 at 03:35 PM

BD

“ I want to send condolences to Mr. Foley's family. It will be hard I am sure to set aside that he will not be beside you till you meet again. I new Mr. Foley when I started volunteering at Athens Elementary he was the most wonderful person I had met in a long time. He would always have that smile and ready to laugh at the children when they would tell him little one liner jokes and pass out hugs if needed. Mr. Foley you was a wonderful person in my eyes. God Bless you in Heaven and God Bless your family.

Barbara Duncan - June 13, 2019 at 03:04 PM



“ My condolences for your family, and may God comfort each one as only he can..Prayers.



Dana Graham - June 13, 2019 at 02:32 PM