



## Darrell Gene Blackwell

March 25, 1954 - October 10, 2023

BLUEFIELD, VA - Darrell Gene Blackwell, 69, of Bluefield, VA, died Tuesday, October 10, 2023 after a recent diagnosis of cancer, surrounded by his loving family. Born March 25, 1954 in Bluefield, he was the son of the late Berman Henry and Winifred Mae Shrewsbury Blackwell.

Darrell was raised in a coal camp in Wenonah (Dott) WV and was a 1972 graduate of Matoaka High School. He retired in 2014 with 42 years as a Maintenance Foreman for Consolidated Coal Company and was certified as an Electrician.

After his retirement, Darrell lived life to the fullest. From motorcycle riding, 4 wheeling and riding through the trails of Southern WV in his side by side with his sweetheart to boating and camping, he enjoyed every day. He was also very eager to share these experiences with family and the many friends he made through the years.

Darrell was well loved by all who knew him and his passing will leave empty spaces in the hearts of a multitude of people. He also loved the Lord and had a deep appreciation of the Christian faith. He was a man of integrity but was first a family man, perpetually constructing ways to bless those he loved. He took good care of everyone in his life and especially enjoyed spoiling his "girls". He loved doing for his family, his friends and even perfect strangers.

Darrell set the example of what it is to be a husband, father, grandfather, great grandfather and friend.

In addition to his parents, he is preceded in death by his brother, David Blackwell.

Words cannot express the sorrow felt by his loving family. Left to cherish his memory include his loving wife of 51 years, Sherry Diane Jenkins Blackwell, who was also his high school sweetheart, and their beloved pet dog, Sadie Mae; two daughters, Heather Blackwell Duncan and husband Dwayne of South Boston, VA and Nikki Blackwell Croy and husband Jason of Royston, GA; five grandchildren, Savannah Duncan and fiancé Diego Machado, Dylan Duncan and wife Emilee, Chase Duncan, Jayden Croy and Kondee Croy; one great grandchild, Adalyn Jade Duncan born Oct 7, 2023; one sister, Linda Farmer of Rock; sister-in-law, Marie Blackwell; and several nieces and nephews.

Special thanks are given to neighbor, Dr. Ron Billips, who was not only his physician, but also his best friend and stood by Darrell's side throughout his illness. Also, appreciation is extended to Darrell's cousin, Gerald Midkiff and girlfriend, Lori who put their lives on hold to help take care of him over the past several weeks.

A Celebration of Darrell's Life will be held at 2:00 p.m. Saturday, October 14, 2023 at Voice of Praise Ministry Center in Bluewell with his brother-in-law, John Jenkins officiating. Interment will follow at the McComas-Crotty Cemetery in Pinoak.

Serving as pallbearers will be Dylan Duncan, Chase Duncan, Gerald Midkiff, Matt King, Eric Van Dyke and Jake Stevenson. Honorary pallbearers will be Dr. Ronald Billips and Steve Robertson.

The family will receive friends Saturday, October 14, 2023 from 12:00 p.m. until service hour at the Voice of Praise Ministry Center in Bluewell.

Arrangements by Bailey-Kirk Funeral Home in Princeton. Online condolences may be shared with the family at [www.bailey-kirk.com](http://www.bailey-kirk.com).

# Cemetery Details

## McComas-Crotty Cemetery

Lashmeet, WV

# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT **14**. 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Voice of Praise Worship Center  
9952 New Hope Road  
Bluefield, WV 24701

## Celebration of Life

OCT **14**. 2:00 PM (ET)

Voice of Praise Worship Center  
9952 New Hope Road  
Bluefield, WV 24701

# Tribute Wall



“ *Bailey-Kirk Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Darrell Gene Blackwell*



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**Bailey-Kirk Funeral Home** - October 12, 2023 at 02:17 PM

ML

*Lee family send our condolences to the family we grew up with Darryl*  
🙏🙏💕

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**MARK Lee** - October 16, 2023 at 02:24 PM

CM

*Yes we did and it sad to hear of his passing. But we have the assurance that we will see him again.*

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**Carolyn Lee McKinney** - October 16, 2023 at 03:58 PM

JC

“ *I am Jayden Croy and he was my Grandpa I loved him a lot and I was so sad and still am about his passing I hope he's ok I heaven.*

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**Jayden Croy** - June 02, 2024 at 09:03 PM

BW

“ *SO SORRY TO HEAR OF DARRELLS PASSING I AM SENDING PRAYERS FROM MY SELF AND MY FAMILY AS MY HUSBAND ALSO PASSED, HE THOUGHT ALOT OF DARRELL AND DAVID, MAY GOD BE WITH THE FAMILY.....*

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**Barbara Walker** - October 26, 2023 at 09:48 PM

CM

“ Sorry for your loss of such a great man and friend. Darrell and I graduated high school together and he always was so kind and caring. He and I had a conversation through texting and we were able to talk about our faith in God. That was a great conversation 🙌 and now he has done his job well and now back home with his heavenly Father. To be absent from the body and to be present with the Lord. Sherry you and your family are in my prayers. God is close to the broken hearted and those who needs comfort he will provide it. BRO DARRELL IS A PRIME EXAMPLE OF THE LOVE OF GOD!!!! I AM SO SORRY FOR YOUR LOSS. THE LEE FAMILY AND CAROLYN MCKINNEY



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**Carolyn Mckinney** - October 16, 2023 at 07:53 AM

JS

*So sorry to hear about Darrell. He was a good guy*

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**Jimmy P. Shirley** - October 26, 2023 at 03:12 PM

MB

“ *Mary Catherine Bones lit a candle in memory of Darrell Gene Blackwell*



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**Mary Catherine Bones** - October 15, 2023 at 10:52 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Darrell Gene Blackwell.*



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October 14, 2023 at 12:25 AM



“ *Sandra S. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Darrell Gene Blackwell.*

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**Sandra S.** - October 13, 2023 at 11:57 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Darrell Gene Blackwell.*



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October 13, 2023 at 05:42 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Darrell Gene Blackwell.*



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October 13, 2023 at 05:52 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Darrell Gene Blackwell.

October 13, 2023 at 05:52 AM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Darrell Gene Blackwell.



October 12, 2023 at 02:59 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Darrell Gene Blackwell.

October 12, 2023 at 02:59 PM



“ Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Darrell Gene Blackwell.



October 12, 2023 at 01:38 PM



“ Pink Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Darrell Gene Blackwell.



October 12, 2023 at 01:34 PM



“ *Serene Reflections Bouquet was purchased for the family of Darrell Gene Blackwell.*



October 12, 2023 at 08:48 AM



“ *Dianna Hutchins lit a candle in memory of Darrell Gene Blackwell*



**Dianna Hutchins** - October 12, 2023 at 07:25 AM



*Gone but Never will be Forgotten!!! Love and Prayers Sherry*

**Dianna Akers** - October 12, 2023 at 07:31 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Darrell Gene Blackwell.*



October 12, 2023 at 12:31 AM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Darrell Gene Blackwell.*

October 12, 2023 at 12:31 AM

WO

“ *Wilma Odell sent a virtual gift in memory of Darrell Gene Blackwell*



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**wilma odell** - October 11, 2023 at 10:49 PM

WO

*Darrell you were a great man to everyone and loved by all..rest in peace till we meet again..love hugs and prayers for family and friends*

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**wilma odell** - October 11, 2023 at 10:55 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Darrell Gene Blackwell.*



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October 11, 2023 at 07:48 PM

HN

“ *Condolences to the family. Mr. Blackwell will be truly missed!*

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**Holly Newton** - October 11, 2023 at 05:23 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Darrell Gene Blackwell.*



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October 11, 2023 at 04:23 PM

LS

“ *Linda S. purchased the Enduring Grace for the family of Darrell Gene Blackwell.*



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**Linda S.** - October 11, 2023 at 03:10 PM

LS

“ *Linda S. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Darrell Gene Blackwell.*

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**Linda S.** - October 11, 2023 at 03:10 PM

JW

“ *Condolences to all of the family.*

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**Judy Webb** - October 11, 2023 at 02:28 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Darrell Gene Blackwell.*



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October 11, 2023 at 11:26 AM

VW

“ Vicki & Danny Perkins and Michele Webb purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Darrell Gene Blackwell.



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**Vicki & Danny Perkins and Michele Webb** - October 11, 2023  
at 11:03 AM