



## Fred (Gene) Roland

April 28, 1933 - November 22, 2018

PRINCETON – Fred (Gene) Roland, 85, of Princeton passed away Thursday, November 22, 2018. Born April 28, 1933 in Bluefield he was the son of the late Fred Otto Roland and Ruby Starling Roland.

He graduated from Beaver High School, which is now Bluefield High School, and MCTEC. He was a former member of the PMCCC and West Virginia Nurserymen Association. After graduating from high school he entered his family business, Roland's Feed and Hardware Stores located in Bluefield and Princeton. He worked for The Pepsi-Cola Company for seventeen years and retired from there in 1994. After retiring from Pepsi he, along with his step-son David Thompson, organized Roland's Inc. a full service landscaping company and commercial greenhouses.

Gene always had a smile for everyone and never met a stranger. He was always willing to help anyone. He was a member of Maranatha Baptist Church in Princeton where in his younger days served as deacon and was involved in the Bus Ministry.

In addition to his parents he was preceded in death by a daughter, Sharon Spencer and a step-son, David Thompson.

Survivors include his wife, Carol Louise Lilly Roland; son, Alvin Roland:

daughters, Cathy Burnopp, Lisa Roland, Angie Roland and Tammy Woodrum.

A graveside service will be conducted at 11:00 a.m. Monday, November 26, 2018 at Roselawn Memorial Gardens Mausoleum in Princeton with Pastor Marvin Mills, officiating. Friends attending the graveside service are asked to meet at the mausoleum.

Friends may visit with the family from 4-6 p.m. Sunday, November 25 at Bailey-Kirk Funeral Home.

In lieu of flowers, if desired, contributions may be made to Maranatha Baptist Church Building Fund, 314 Oakvale Road, Princeton, WV 24740.

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

# Cemetery Details

## Roselawn Memorial Gardens

450 Courthouse Road  
Princeton, WV 24740

# Previous Events

## Visitation

NOV **25**. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

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

## Graveside Service

NOV **26**. 11:00 AM (ET)

Roselawn Memorial Gardens  
450 Courthouse Road  
Princeton, WV 24740

# Tribute Wall



“ Fred (Gene) Roland

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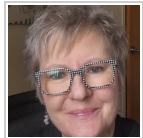
“ Gene has been a friend of our family for many years. My first memory of him was carrying out feed sacks from the back of his Mom and Dad's store on Bland Street. He was always there for us when needed and we could always depend on what he said as being fair and true. May God bless him and his family.

Mike Sudduth - November 25, 2018 at 08:47 PM



“ Loved his Christmas breakfast almost as much as he did❤️❤️

Dr Rhonda Hamm - November 25, 2018 at 06:56 PM



“ I loved going to Roland's. Mr. Roland and I would talk forever about flowers and gardening. He was always so patient and kind. I learned so much from him. He was a treasure in this world.

Rosa Moody

Rosa Moody - November 25, 2018 at 09:20 AM



“ We always chatted and laughed at church about which of us was the meanest, he was sure that I was. I love the bantering that we did. He was such a sweet child of GOD. He will truly be missed.

Willis & Nilene Browning - November 23, 2018 at 09:53 PM



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**Dreama Hay** - November 24, 2018 at 04:23 PM



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*He was truly a gem...always smiling always ready to give a hand...i will truly miss him*

**Dreama Hay** - November 24, 2018 at 04:25 PM

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“ *Carol Herald-Tabor lit a candle in memory of Fred (Gene) Roland*



**Carol Herald-Tabor** - November 23, 2018 at 09:32 PM