



Freddy Howell

August 29, 1945 - January 10, 2026

KEGLEY - Freddy Glen Howell, 80, of Kegley, passed away peacefully in his sleep on Saturday, January 10, 2026 following a long illness with his son and loving wife by his side.

Born August 29, 1945, in Princeton, he was the son the late Jessee and Ruby Wimmer Howell. A lifelong resident of the area. Freddy was a 1963 graduate of Princeton High School. As a man with a heart of gold, he was always there to help others in need and was the neighborhood handy man. Whether it was home and auto repairs or clearing driveways after a snowstorm, you could always count on him to be there. Freddy loved his country and served in the WV Army National Guard.

Freddy was employed by Norfolk and Western Railroads (N&S) for over 35 years. He was a successful auto body man who painted, repaired, and restored numerous vehicles for people in the area.

He was a man of great faith. He was a member of Rock Assembly of God where he enjoyed serving and sharing his musical talents of playing the banjo while his wife accompanied him in song.

He was an amazing son, brother, husband, father, grandfather, neighbor, and friend. Perhaps, most notable, was his 60-year marriage to his loving wife,

Nancy. Their union was so special to all who knew them, as it was a beautiful embodiment of true love.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his brothers, Charlie Howell, and Benny Howell; and his sister, Edna Mae Martin.

He is survived by his wife, Nancy; his son, Freddy Howell Jr. of Kegley; his daughter, Kimberly Howell Hamm of Princeton; one granddaughter who was his pride and joy, Dulcie; one niece Donna Howell Beane; and one nephew, Gary Howell.

The family would like to acknowledge the staff of Hospice Amedisys; especially Nurse Faith Tarter for the wonderful care that Freddy received.

Funeral Service will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Thursday, January 15, 2026 at Bailey-Kirk Funeral Home with Pastor Vivian Sloan, officiating. Interment will follow at Roselawn Memorial Gardens in Princeton. The family will receive visitors from 10:00 a.m. until the service hour.

Arrangements by Bailey-Kirk Funeral Home in Princeton. Online condolences may be shared with the family at www.bailey-kirk.com.

Cemetery Details

Roselawn Memorial Gardens

450 Courthouse Road
Princeton, WV 24740

Previous Events

Funeral Service

JAN 15. 11:00 AM (ET)

Bailey-Kirk Funeral Home
1612 Honaker Avenue
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Tribute Wall

JJ

“ *J's Grocery Marie And JR lit a candle in memory of Freddy Howell*



J's Grocery Marie and JR - January 22 at 05:24 PM

BM

“ *I met Freddy Howell working together for Norfolk Western RR .I thank God for letting Freddy be in my life's journey RIP Freddy enjoy what is ahead*

Bill Matthews - January 16 at 09:37 AM

MA

“ *I grew up with Freddie up Black Oak Hollow and also went to school with him. We used to ride our bikes up and down the road. Im so sorry about his passing. I'm praying for you, Nancy, and all the family.. Freddie was a wonderful person.*

MaryBishop - January 14 at 08:20 AM

LC

“ *Nancy my prayers and condolences is with u and family . Freddy was so good to Jeff and I when our broke down in Princeton. I will never forget u two helping us. Love u Nancy and the kids . 🙏❤️😘*

Linda Mills Clay - January 13 at 08:18 PM



“ *May the love of God surround you and your family during this difficult time,
May you come to know that the love of God is with you always,

May your memories of Freddy Glen Howell, give you peace, comfort and strength...*

*Rest now in the arms of our Lord your mission on earth is complete.
I thank you for your service to our Country and my Freedom.
You will not be forgotten...
My thoughts
and prayers to the family of*

US Army National Guard Veteran, Freddy Glen Howell, is “A True American Hero” God Bless†

† Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends. John 15:13 †

Cheryl Skinner, Tri-state Military Museum - January 13 at 10:29 AM

ST

“ *Freddy helped me lots of times when I couldn't afford to take my vehicles to the body shops...he was the BEST!!!*

Stan Thompson - January 13 at 08:47 AM

AF

“ *We both lived in Black Oak Hollow met Freddie on our school bus rides, he had an early interest in repairing the body of old cars and painting them. Spent a lot of time with him I those early years.*

Arnold Fortner - January 12 at 11:12 PM