



Jerry Bailey

August 8, 1949 - December 10, 2015

DANIELS - Jerry Lane Bailey, 66, of Daniels, passed away Thursday, December 10, 2015 following a courageous battle with pancreatic cancer. Born August 8, 1949, in Bluefield, he was the son of the late Oakie and Frances Bartee Bailey.

Jerry was a 1967 graduate of Matoaka High School and earned a Bachelor of Science Degree in Electrical Engineering Technology from Bluefield State College and a Master of Science degree in Safety from Marshall University. His career was devoted to the safety of miners through education and training. He began his career with CONSOL Energy where he developed their first state required training program for mine electricians. He then served as an instructor in Bluefield State College's Mine Supervisor Training Program. He retired from the US Department of Labor's National Mine Safety and Health Administration (MSHA) Academy where he trained federal mine inspectors and mine rescue teams.

Those remaining to cherish his memory are his wife, Sandra Shrewsbury Bailey; his daughter, Heather Brown and husband Alex of Daniels; his son, Jason Bailey and wife Sharon of Beaver; two grandsons, AJ and Bailey Brown; one granddaughter, Amber Summers; one sister, Carolyn Midkiff and husband Mike of Hebron, OH; nephew Michael Midkiff and wife Heather of Hebron, OH; and niece Sara Hudgens and husband Travis of Marysville, OH.

A service of remembrance will be held at 2:00 p.m. Sunday, December 13, 2015 at the Rowland H. Bailey Funeral Chapel of the Bailey-Kirk Funeral Home in Princeton with Pastor Troy Rackliffe officiating. Interment will follow at Roselawn Memorial Gardens in Princeton. Friends and former co-workers from the MSHA Academy will serve as pallbearers.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that memorial donations be made to the building fund of Glade Community Church, P.O. Box 769, Daniels, WV 25832 or to the Raleigh County Humane Society, 325 Gray Flats Road, Beckley, WV 25801.

The family will receive friends Sunday, December 13, 2015 from noon until the time of the service at the Bailey-Kirk Funeral Home in Princeton.

Cemetery Details

Roselawn Memorial Gardens

450 Courthouse Road
Princeton, WV 24740

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 13. 12:00 PM - 2:00 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

DEC 13. 2:00 PM (ET)

Bailey-Kirk Funeral Home
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Tribute Wall



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



Bailey-Kirk Funeral Home - December 13, 2015 at 10:43 AM

LM

A wonderful tribute to Jerry.

Lew Messick - December 18, 2015 at 03:49 PM



“ *Jerry Bailey*

December 27, 2022 at 03:07 PM

HL

“ *So sorry to hear of Jerry's death. I worked with him at the Mine Academy. He was always a happy, agreeable and most gracious fellow. Everyone liked him.*

I enjoyed the video. It showed he had many happy moments with the family he loved, hunting, fishing, and sports. I know he will be sorely missed.

Helen Caraway

Helen Caraway, Former librarian - December 19, 2015 at 11:45 AM



“ I was so sorry to hear about Jerry. I worked with him at the Mine Academy for many years; he was always so happy and just fun to be around. He will be missed.

Sandy Neal

Sandy Neal - December 17, 2015 at 07:15 PM

RS

“ I remember Jerry mostly in his youth when we were attending Matoaka HS. I recall Jerry as having a pleasant personality and a welcoming atmosphere about him: if everyone had just a little kindness of Jerry, the world would be a much better place for it. In viewing the Video Tribute, I recognize Jerry's Dad and the nice guy that I remember him to be. I see both Jerry and Sandy in their children, a great treasure that God has provided to allow part of us to be carried-on into the future. Its hard for me to think of Jerry without seeing Sandy right beside him: it seems as always having been that way and I'm sure that Sandy has been a great partner and blessing to Jerry throughout this life. Although Jerry has now passed onto the other side, there a hope for a great reunion one day that we all share through the provision of God through the Gospel. May God comfort you Sandy during these difficult days and may He be your anchor in the future. In deepest sympathy, Ralph Sanders

Ralph Sanders - December 17, 2015 at 03:39 PM

EL

“ I just watched the tribute video and I am crying so hard I can barely type. Oh Jerry Bailey, I loved seeing that smile and knowing that you had a good life. I remember a lot of those special memories and am honored to have met you, sandy, heather, and jason. Your face from the last time I saw you will forever be in my heart along with every other memory I hold near and dear to my heart. You, Sandy and your kids, parents animals, played a big part of my life which were more of the happy times I have ever had. Love you and your family. Thanks for being there and being so good to me

erin lynch

erin lynch - December 13, 2015 at 03:33 PM

PC

“ Sandra and Family: Patsy (Brown) Coverdale and family extend our deepest condolences to you and your family. Jerry was always a considerate person to our families. He attended our mother's funeral services in Princeton and I will always be grateful for that. I was Jerry and Carol's babysitter when he was a little boy in Lashmeet. WV. You have our deepest sympathy.

Patsy(Brown) Coverdale - December 13, 2015 at 03:31 PM

CF

“ *Sherry and Family: Very sad to learn of Jerry's sickness and death. John always enjoyed working with Jerry at the Academy and thought very highly of him. May God's love strengthen each of you as you each heal. We lost the best husbands and fathers anyone could ever have -- but know that the blessing of having them in our lives will remain with each of us forever. Again our sincerest sympathy.*

*Carol Forte
Ashlee & Chris Walls*

Carol Forte - December 13, 2015 at 09:58 AM

DD

“ *Sandy and Family,
Please accept our sincere sympathy in your loss. You have always been very special to us and we are so sorry for your sadness. May you find peace and comfort in your wonderful memories.
Fondly,
Donna and Wayne Davis*

Donna and Wayne Davis - December 13, 2015 at 03:35 AM

AM

“ *Sandy, Buddy and I are so very sorry for your loss. You and your family are in our thoughts and prayers.*



Arlene & Buddy Midkiff - December 12, 2015 at 09:55 PM



“ Jerry was such a great guy all around. I really enjoyed working with him at the Mine Academy. He truly was dedicated to the mission of MSHA and cared about the safety and health of all miners. Everyone enjoyed his humor and his kindness.

Rhonda Fox Bengler - December 12, 2015 at 12:29 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Jerry Bailey.



December 12, 2015 at 11:39 AM



“ When Lew and I moved to West Virginia I never would imagine that we would find such wonderful neighbors but we did. We are thankful to have known Jerry and will always cherish our time together with him and your family.

Pat Messick - December 12, 2015 at 11:05 AM



“ Sherry, Rob and Mom purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Jerry Bailey.



Sherry, Rob and Mom - December 12, 2015 at 09:52 AM

SW

“ Sandy, Jason, Heather, Carolyn, Mike, Michael and Sara,
Words can't express how sorry we are that Jerry has passed. We
know how much you all loved him and how much he will be missed.
We're holding you in our hearts during this difficult time and the
days ahead. When I think of him I always remember his calm and
caring attitude and his wonderful smile.
Much love, Sherry and Rob
Columbus OH

Sherry Will - December 12, 2015 at 08:34 AM

BJ

“ Sandy, Heather and Jason,
We are so sorry to hear of your loss.
Bob met Jerry when he was a student at Bluefield State. When you
moved to Raleigh county, we rented your apartment on Augusta
street in Bluefield. We will keep you in our thoughts and prayers.
Cherish your memories...
Bob and Alva Jones
Sumter, SC

Bob and Alva Jones - December 12, 2015 at 07:26 AM

CM

“ So sorry to hear this news. Jerry and I went to school together at
Matoaka High School. He was a great guy. Very Smart!

Christine Moss - December 12, 2015 at 06:51 AM

RW

“ 1 file added to the album *New Album Name*

Name	Relationship
Jerry L. Bailey	self
Oake Bailey	father
Maude Ellen Bailey	mother
Ether Ann Bailey	mother
William Michajah Bailey	father
McCajah Bailey Jr.	father
McCajah Bailey Sr.	father
Richard Bailey Sr.	father

Ricky Weinberg - December 11, 2015 at 05:09 PM

MP

“ *Michael, Carrie, Taylor and Bransen Peters purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Jerry Bailey.*



Michael, Carrie, Taylor and Bransen Peters - December 11, 2015 at 05:07 PM

KW

“ *Carolyn, Sandy, Heather, Jason & Sharon and families. What a wonderful guy! Always so sweet and fun to be around. So many memories. We will miss seeing him at the pool/Tiki bar. Our thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time.*

*Marc & Karen Weekly
Hebron, Ohio*

Karen Weekly - December 11, 2015 at 01:29 PM

BW

“ *Sandy,
I wish you to have the greatest strength to handle this unthinkable tragedy. My prayers are with you! Bizunesh Wubie*

Bizunesh Wubie - December 11, 2015 at 12:24 PM

YE

“ Your extended family in Elementary/Secondary Education purchased the Lord Bless Digital Music Box for the family of Jerry Bailey.



Your extended family in Elementary/Secondary Education -
December 11, 2015 at 10:55 AM

CR

“ I had the pleasure of working with Jerry for over 25 years. I lost my dad to this same cancer when he was only 56 years old, so I have been there. My heart goes out to you all. Please know you all are in every ones prayers. I am sharing a couple of work photo.

Carol Richmond



Carol Richmond - December 11, 2015 at 10:40 AM

LH

“ Dear Sandy, I am so very sorry for your loss. Please let me know if there is anything I can do for you at work. William also asked that I share his condolences. We are thinking about you. -- Lisa



Lisa Heaton - December 11, 2015 at 10:01 AM

SS

“ Sandy,
I am praying for you during this difficult time. Love and Prayers,
Sandra Stroebel

Sandra Stroebel - December 11, 2015 at 09:54 AM

CB

Sandy, please know that Lola and I are praying for you and your family.
Chuck Bethel

Charles Bethel - December 11, 2015 at 10:26 AM

BN

Sandy, we'll all be keeping you and your family in our thoughts. So sorry for your loss. Bobbi Nicholson

Bobbi Nicholson - December 11, 2015 at 10:39 AM

HB

“ 1 file added to the album *New Album Name*



Heather Brown - December 11, 2015 at 09:15 AM

HB

This was the day my daddy got his babies. He was so happy to gain the companionship of these little fur babies. They have faithfully been by his side ever since. They have provided unconditional love and he was so proud to have them. They were a big part of his life and the world revolved around them. He loved them more than we can say and the stories we can tell about how they ran the house are endless.

Heather Brown - December 11, 2015 at 09:23 AM

EL

“ I know how much Jerry B loved his little doggies so I will definitely send a donation to the Raleigh County Humane Society in his honor.

erin lynch - December 11, 2015 at 07:24 AM

EL

“ I have so many memories of Jerry, Sandy, Heather, and Jason Bailey. Jerry and Sandy were so helpful to me when I found myself alone and needed help around my house, car, anything - they knew how to fix anything and helped me out tremendously. They were great friends and had so many good times with them. Jerry always put a smile on my face and he had me laughing everytime he was around. Even though he was sick he was still joking. I will miss that look he would give when he was about to say something funny and the twinkle in his eyes. There were so many good things about this man, but I am truly grateful he was a part of my life. I will miss his advice, his sense of humor, his kindness to his little doggy babies, his goodness, kindness, and most of all a good man, husband, father, and friend. I love you jerry b and I will miss you. I pray for Sandy, Jason, Heather, and all your family members to help them through this. I will see you again someday.

Love

Erin Lynch (aka ernie)

erin lynch - December 11, 2015 at 07:19 AM

JH

“ Sandy, my heartfelt condolences. You and your family are held close to my heart and in my thoughts and prayers. Love Joyce

Joyce Harrah - December 11, 2015 at 07:09 AM

JS

“ Great memories of Jerry and Sandy from MHS Band. Jerry would crack all of us up while Mr. Hager would try to get us back under control. Sandy would just shake her head. Keep Heaven laughing, Jerry. Jo Sizemore

Jo Sizemore - December 10, 2015 at 05:40 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Jerry Bailey.



December 10, 2015 at 05:03 PM

JS

“ Jerry and I had a long distance friendship , it lasted for over 25 years, once each year we hunted in Upshur county together with his son and his brother in law. Every year it as like we just saw the other the day before. We rode around in his truck the Sunday before deer season with his topographical maps he would bring, you're led story's , lies had a grea time. As we got older we would occasionally ride our bikes with brother law, Russell Mitchum. Great times we had. Happy trails my friend , until we Meet again. May god bless you, and comfort your loved ones enduring your loss.
Jerry Sink

Jerry Sink - December 10, 2015 at 05:03 PM

BD

Distance has kept us apart over the years, however, I remember him as a sweet, fun loving man. He and Sandra were made for each other. I know that he will be missed, but rest assured that one day will all meet again.

Benita Dishner - December 10, 2015 at 08:16 PM

KH

Sandy, I am so very sorry for your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. Karen Haney

Karen Haney - December 11, 2015 at 08:51 AM

SS

Carolyn, Sandy, Jason, and Heather, Jerry was a cousin that I remember that was always laughing and you had a hard time wondering if he was joking or not. Distance keep us from being in touch. I am glad I got to spend a day with him and Jason working Heather's house she was selling at the time. Our prayers and thoughts are with all of you.

Sharon and David A Asbury Sr. - December 11, 2015 at 10:11 PM