



Jess Wadhams

January 10, 1933 - January 9, 2015

PRINCETON – Jess Henry Wadhams, 81, of Princeton, died Friday afternoon, January 9, 2015 at Princeton Community Hospital. Born January 10, 1933 in Dover, NJ, he was the son of the late Jesse Herman Wadhams and Lina Riccardi Wadhams.

Jess was a graduate of Dover High School in Dover, New Jersey, Lehigh University in Bethlehem, Pennsylvania and Alexander Hamilton Business School. He was a veteran of the US Air Force. He was a licensed professional engineer in the states of Massachusetts and Vermont, as well as Ontario, Canada. Jess worked as Engineering Manager at several mining machinery companies in the U.S., as well as Canada. He left the mining machinery industry and then worked with American Lafrance Fire Truck Industry, as well as Volvo Truck Manufacturing in Dublin, Virginia where he retired in 2000. Jess was a member of AIME and ASME. After he retired from Volvo, Jess started his own business, Wadhams Mobile Systems, LLC. He was a certified chimney sweep and enjoyed doing restoration work on chimneys.

Jess enjoyed working with cars and trucks and especially enjoyed watching sports car hill climbs and car racing. He was fond of the outdoors and loved to go walking especially in the woods. He fed the deer faithfully on his property, having many come back for their corn meals in the winter. His favorite buddies were his two cats, Pumpkin and Skipper. He was a member of the First

Assembly of God Church in Princeton for 14 years. Jess had a lively sense of humor and loved to kid with people. His favorite question to anyone regardless of age was, "what do you want to be when you grow up?"

He shared 58 years of marriage with his loving wife, Marlene Kish Wadhams, whom he married on April 21, 1956. In addition to his wife, survivors include his daughter Laurie Marlene and her fiancé Jason Taylor of PA; his brother, Rodney Wadhams and his wife Dorothy of Budd Lake, NJ; as well as nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be conducted at 2:00 p.m. Monday, January 12, 2015 at the Rowland H. Bailey Funeral Chapel of the Bailey-Kirk Funeral Home in Princeton with Pastor Dan Moore officiating. Interment will follow at Resthaven Memorial Park in Princeton.

Serving as pallbearers will be Rodney Wadhams, Stephen Kish, Donald Kish, Jason Taylor, Randy Wood and Delmas Devor.

In lieu of flowers, the family request memorial contributions may be made to First Assembly of God, 270 Assembly Lane, Princeton, WV 24740 or Union Mission, 2203 Bluefield, Ave., Bluefield, WV 24701.

The family will receive friends Monday, January 12, 2015 from 1:00 p.m. until service hour at the 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

JAN 12. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Bailey-Kirk Funeral Home
1612 Honaker Avenue
Princeton, WV 24740
(304) 425-8176
info@bailey-kirk.com
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Funeral Service

JAN 12. 2:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Jess Wadhams*

December 27, 2022 at 03:07 PM



“ *I did not know Jess, but I know his daughter Laurie..... she is a world class woman with a heart as big as the world.*

Kris Eloshway and family - January 22, 2015 at 05:57 PM



“ *Sincerest sympathy at the loss of Jess. I worked with him at Volvo for many years and he was so very special! ...always a smile, a kind word, and a gentleman.....may God hug you and his family a little closer through this most dofficult time!*

Betty Nester - January 15, 2015 at 03:43 PM



“ *Mlck and I extend our deepest sympathies on your family's loss. Our thoughts and prayers are for your perseverance through this most difficult time. May your Dad's love for you and your memories of him and his love sustain you in the difficult days ahead.*

Christine and Mick - January 13, 2015 at 02:10 PM



“ *Marlene, I am so sorry for your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with you.*

Beverly Thomas

Beverly Matusevich Thomas - January 12, 2015 at 08:38 AM

DK

“ *Marlene and family..... I was so saddened to hear of my friends passing this morning. I will forever miss Jess and my postcards that would just show up in the mail after he retired for no reason.... just to say "Hi". He was a good friend to me at work and always kept me on my toes.
Please accept my sincerest condolences.*

Debbie Keener - January 12, 2015 at 08:21 AM

M-

“ *Cousin Marlene & family ,cousin Rodney & Dorothy - very sorry for the loss of our
cousin Jess. He will be in our hearts forever. Our thoughts and prayers are with the
family. He will be missed by all of the lives he touched.*

Mike & Debi Mercado -cousins - January 11, 2015 at 11:42 AM

RM

“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time
Ray and claudia mercado (cousin)*

ray mercado - January 11, 2015 at 11:16 AM

EW

“ *So very sorry to hear of Uncle Jess's passing. You are certainly in our thoughts and prayers. Ed and Kristi Wadhams*

Ed Wadhams - January 11, 2015 at 10:21 AM

ER

“ *Marlene, i have a lot of good memories of you and Jess visiting us in Beckley as well as our visits to your home. Jess was a good friend. We are praying for you and the rest of your family.*

Elwood Rakes - January 10, 2015 at 07:37 PM

TT

Laurie, so sorry for your loss. Prayers being sent for you and your Mom.

Tammy Taylor - January 11, 2015 at 05:04 PM

KH

Marlene, so sorry to hear about Jess. Prayers for you and Laurie.

Kathy Hazelwood - January 12, 2015 at 01:15 AM

JM

Marlene, my heart goes out to you. I'll never forget Jess, and how he helped my family in our time of need. He was such a nice, gentle man. Prayers for you, my friend. May God bless you and your family.

Jennifer Muncy - January 12, 2015 at 08:47 AM