



## John Dills

October 5, 1937 - December 30, 2021

PRINCETON – John Dills, 84, of Princeton, died Thursday, December 30, 2021. Born October 5, 1937 in Cedar Bluff, Virginia, he was the son of the late Robert Dills and Susie Gay Swartz Dills.

John moved to Ohio at the age of 15 and enlisted in the US Army at age 18 and served for 23 years. He was assigned to the National Security Agency (NSA) and its support agency, the Army Security Agency (ASA). He was promoted to the rank of Master Sergeant earning several medals and awards. Three of the ASA units he was assigned to were awarded unit citations. He served with the ASA 110 miles inside the communist area in Berlin, Germany 16 years before the Berlin wall came down. After his Army career he went into private security for 36 years as an area manager for the Baltimore, Maryland/Washington, DC area. He acknowledged his success was due to his wife, Gayle.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his wife of 57 years, Gayle Richardson Dills; infant son; and siblings, Frances Somerville, Alfred (Jack) Dills, Robert (Bob) Dills, Clarence (Del) Dills, Elgie Lou Dills, Myrtle (Lucie) Davis and Bertie Gay Ezell; and many nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be conducted at 2:00 p.m. Thursday, January 6, 2022 at the Bailey-Kirk Funeral Home in Princeton with Dr. Dan Jividen officiating.

Interment will be at the Dayton National Cemetery in Dayton, Ohio.

The family will receive friends Thursday, January 6, 2022 from 1:00 p.m. until service hour at the 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

## Dayton National Cemetery

4400 W. 3rd Street  
Dayton, OH 45417  
<https://www.cem.va.gov/cems/nchp/dayton.asp>

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 6. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

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

## Funeral Service

JAN 6. 2:00 PM (ET)

Bailey-Kirk Funeral Home  
1612 Honaker Avenue  
Princeton, WV 24740  
(304) 425-8176  
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# Tribute Wall



“ *John Dills*

December 27, 2022 at 03:07 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 John Dills, 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 Veteran, John Dills, 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 06, 2022 at 04:01 AM



“ *TonyanEdgar Wicks lit a candle in memory of John Dills*



**TonyanEdgar Wicks** - January 05, 2022 at 08:37 AM



“ *Sacred Duty Spray was purchased for the family of John Dills.* ”



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January 04, 2022 at 12:07 PM