



Larry Wayne Combs

October 11, 1945 - January 18, 2025

ROCK – Larry Wayne Combs, 79, of Rock, died Saturday, January 18, 2025. Born October 11, 1945, in Princeton, he was the son of the late Alonzo Combs and Mary L. Coomes Combs.

Wayne was a humble, loving, gentle and kind soul who never met a stranger. He helped many people during his lifetime without expecting anything in return. He was a very wise man who could solve any issues and loved to debate many topics. Wayne fought a hard battle over the past eleven months and had many discussions of his strong faith in God. In the past few weeks of his life, he was longing to see his brother, Glen and his mom and dad in Heaven. Special thanks to his sister, Pam Rickman, for being there through the hardest of times. He was a devoted husband and a loving father and a proud pawpaw. He adored his daughter and his grandsons.

Wayne was a veteran of the US Army and was stationed in Germany from 1965-1967. He was a coal miner for 20 years, was VP of the UMWA Committee and union steward for union members with Eastern Coal Association. He was also an electrician, mechanic, plumber, heavy equipment operator and loved working on cars.

Wayne was a woodworker and loved making things for his family and carving treasures for them throughout the years. He enjoyed camping, hunting,

fishing, genealogy and attending car shows. He played guitar and enjoyed strumming along with his friends, Johnny and Doug Bailey. He encouraged and taught his grandson, Trey, to play guitar. Wayne was truly a “Jack of All Trades.”

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by one brother, N. Glen Combs; and one sister-in-law, Linda Combs.

Survivors include his wife of 57 years, Dorothy Cecil Combs; one daughter, Cheryl C. Knowles and husband Jim of Bluefield, VA; two grandsons, Trey Knowles and Brock Knowles; three siblings, Donald Combs and wife Wanda of Dublin, VA, Pamela Rickman and husband Marvin of Princeton and Anthony Combs and wife Darra of Rock. He loved all of his nieces and nephews, Laura McComas and husband Keith, Rhonda Billings and husband Rocco, Angela Lovell and husband Rick, Jim “Jamie” Stanley, Kristie McBride and husband Kevin, Richard “Bo” Holt and wife Felicia, Sharon Cecil, Michael Combs, Keith Stanley and wife Robin, Samuel Combs and Zachary Combs; and special great nieces and nephews, Cassie Evans, Kendra Vanhoozer and husband Alex and Tyler Cecil and wife Grace.

Funeral services will be conducted at 2:00 p.m. Saturday, January 25, 2025 at the Bailey-Kirk Funeral Home in Princeton with Pastor Ray Mills officiating, where military honors will be conducted by the Mercer County Veterans Honor Guard.

Bural will be private at Roselawn Memorial Gardens in Princeton.

The family will receive friends Saturday, January 25, 2025 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.

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 25. 1:00 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

JAN 25. 2:00 PM (ET)

Bailey-Kirk Funeral Home
1612 Honaker Avenue
Princeton, WV 24740
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Graveside Service

JAN 28. 10:00 AM (ET)

Roselawn Memorial Gardens
450 Courthouse Road
Princeton, WV 24740

Tribute Wall



“ Bailey-Kirk Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Larry Wayne Combs



Bailey-Kirk Funeral Home - January 28, 2025 at 09:55 AM



“ Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Larry Wayne Combs.



January 25, 2025 at 12:08 AM



“ Very sorry for your loss.
Danny Shrewsbury

Danny Shrewsbury - January 24, 2025 at 08:56 PM



“ Sven Kleinhans purchased the Blue Caribbean Bouquet for the family of Larry Wayne Combs.



Sven Kleinhans - January 24, 2025 at 04:22 PM



“ *Fairest of All* was purchased for the family of Larry Wayne Combs.



January 24, 2025 at 04:11 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Larry Wayne Combs.

January 24, 2025 at 04:11 PM



“ *Enduring Grace* was purchased for the family of Larry Wayne Combs.



January 24, 2025 at 04:02 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Larry Wayne Combs.

January 24, 2025 at 01:39 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet* was purchased for the family of Larry Wayne Combs.



January 24, 2025 at 01:39 PM

CF

“ Chris Hollyfield and family purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Larry Wayne Combs.



Chris Hollyfield and family - January 24, 2025 at 10:52 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Larry Wayne Combs.



January 24, 2025 at 09:51 AM

JA

“ Wayne was a humble and kind man...got to know him and his family when we went to church together several years back...prayers for the family...rest in peace old friend

James D Archer - January 23, 2025 at 07:53 AM

DH

So sorry about the loss of your Brother prayers and hugs for you God bless you all Dolly

Dolly Hambrick - January 23, 2025 at 07:35 PM

TR

“ Wayne was so nice. I always enjoyed talking to him. He always asked how everyone was doing. Very nice man. Tina (Fuda) Ruth

Tina Ruth - January 21, 2025 at 07:15 PM

JB

“ Johnny And Sandy Bailey sent a virtual gift in memory of Larry Wayne Combs



Johnny and Sandy Bailey - January 21, 2025 at 03:53 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 Larry Wayne Combs, 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, Larry Wayne Combs, 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 21, 2025 at 07:14 AM

AM

“ Dorothy, Cheryl, Pam, Donald, Anthony & all of Wayne's loving family, we are so sorry to hear you have lost your precious loved one. Wayne was always smiling, kind, easy going, loved his family & always put them first. No words can ease the heartbreak you are experiencing but I pray the beautiful memories you have soon replace some of the pain that I know is unbearable. Condolences & hugs. Sending love. Anita (Sissy) & Ed Myers

Anita (Sissy) & Ed Myers - January 20, 2025 at 08:24 PM



“ Small Garden Dish was purchased for the family of Larry Wayne Combs.



January 20, 2025 at 06:36 PM