



Louis Luke Sr

March 31, 1943 - April 20, 2014

...When I stand before God at the end of my life, I would hope that I would have not a single bit of talent left and could say, "I used everything you gave me."

PRINCETON – Louis E. Luke, Sr. of Princeton died Sunday, April 20, 2014 at his home. Born March 31, 1943 at Harvey, West Virginia, he was the son of the late Louis L. Luke and Elizabeth Bernath Luke.

He retired from the U. S. Navy and from the Department of Defense. He attended First Assembly of God Church in Princeton.

Survivors include his wife, Ruth Echols Luke; two sons, Louis E. Luke, Jr. and wife Leigh of Virginia Beach, Virginia and Robert A. Luke and wife Lynn of Suffolk, Virginia; one sister, Julia Perry of Waynesboro, Virginia; five grandchildren, Hannah Luke, Jackson Luke, Landon Luke, Laine Luke and Lindon Luke; former daughter-in-law, Andra Luke of Chesapeake, Virginia and several nieces and nephews. Also left to treasure his memory are Ruth's son Richard Gillespie of Pikeville, Kentucky; her two grandsons, Justin Gillespie and Dylan Gillespie and a great grandson, Donovan Gillespie, all of Princeton.

Funeral services will be conducted at 2:00 p.m. Thursday, April 24, 2014 at the Rowland H. Bailey Funeral Chapel of the Bailey-Kirk Funeral Home in

Princeton with Rev. Dan Moore officiating. Interment will follow at Roselawn Memorial Gardens in Princeton where military honors will be conducted by the U. S. Navy Honor Guard.

Memorial contributions may be made to the First Assembly of God, 270 Assembly Lane, Princeton, WV 24740.

Friends may visit from 1:00 p.m. until the service hour on Thursday, April 24, 2014 at Bailey-Kirk Funeral Home in Princeton. Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.bailey-kirk.com.

Cemetery Details

Roselawn Memorial Gardens

450 Courthouse Road
Princeton, WV 24740

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 24. 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

APR 24. 2:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Louis Luke Sr*

December 27, 2022 at 03:07 PM



“ *Ruth and family,
I am sad to hear of Louis' passing. He was a good friend and mentor to me, while he was at CNAF and the PMA. May God bless you and his family.
Ray Beasley*

Ray Beasley - April 28, 2014 at 06:31 AM



“ *I was sorry to learn of Louis passing, I did not know Louis very well, but the few times I had the pleasure of meeting him I found him to be a great guy to talk with. I met him while driving cars for Hertz and he seemed to really enjoy life. I want to give my condolences to all his family members. May the sorrow you feel at this time be replaced in the coming months with all the great memories you shared together in life.*

Bill Oxley - April 25, 2014 at 09:17 PM



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Brian McAllister - April 23, 2014 at 07:41 PM

BM

HC-4 receiving the Secretary of Defense Maintenance Award. We would never have achieved such a prestigious award without the help of "Chopper" as the H-53 "TYCOM".

Brian McAllister - April 23, 2014 at 07:45 PM

BM

“ *On behalf of PMA-261, Heavy Lift Helicopters, let me pass our deepest condolences for our loss of Louis "Chopper" Luke Sr. Chopper touched the hearts of so many people and he will always be remember....for every life has a purpose to fill, a purpose which us humans can seldom infer. We know Chopper was a gift from heaven, whose purpose was to make this world understand what love, friendship, goodness, and humbleness was all about. He now belongs to heaven, and I know he is watching over us and protecting us like a Light House guides an unwary ship from the hazards of life. May his soul rest in peace and the comfort of God help you Ms. Ruth and Family during this difficult time.*

*Our deepest sympathy
PMA-261TEAM*

Brian McAllister - April 23, 2014 at 06:54 PM

PT

“ *PMA-261, Heavy Lift Helicopter TEAM purchased the Lily and Rose Tribute Spray for the family of Louis Luke Sr.*



PMA-261, Heavy Lift Helicopter TEAM - April 23, 2014 at 06:48 PM

JS

“ Hi Ruth,
Heather and I wanted to let you know that you and your family are in our prayers. Chopper was such a great friend and mentor, he will not be forgotten.
Jeff & Heather Schmidt

Jeff Schmidt - April 22, 2014 at 09:05 PM

KH

“ To my cousins and their family we are sorry for your loss. We hope the lord blesses you with peace. Please keep in touch. Kimberly Van Horn Hanger 757-510-5244

Kimberly M Hanger - April 22, 2014 at 08:03 PM

SS

“ Mr. Luke was a man who opened his home to me as a youngster and treated me like one of the family. I'll never forget the fun times and experiences he allowed me to share with him and his family. I pray that he's in a better place and that his family cherishes the time they were able to spend with him.

Scott Sonier

scoot Sonier - April 22, 2014 at 07:37 PM



“*Louis was always the first to arrive in order to serve when a need arose and many times he would be the last to leave when a gathering was over (Ruth, you were always there right with him!!!). He approached every aspect of his life with passion, especially when it came to his relationship with Jesus Christ and the Lord's Church. He was a man on a mission and he finished well. Praying that the young men and women, boys and girls that were impacted by his presence will find their place in ministry as Louis so faithfully fulfilled his. Well done Louis, you finished well! Praying God's comfort be with the Luke family.*

Brad Puckett - April 22, 2014 at 03:43 PM



“*Ruth, just want to let you know that Nancy and I are thinking of you. Chopper was and will always be a friend and will be missed. "Soupy"*

Sylvester Campbell - April 22, 2014 at 03:42 PM



“*When I started coming to our church some 6-7 years ago, Louis introduced himself. I knew I had found a brother in Christ Jesus in him. When my son joined the Marine corps 4 years ago, Louis gave me the greatest advice on how God will look out for him. As time passed, just a hand shake would not suffice for Louis. It was a brotherly bear hug of love. He was so excited to hear my son is coming home in June. I love you dearly my brother.*

David Eugene Coppola - April 22, 2014 at 01:11 PM

DG

“ Louis was a lifelong friend that was one of the most unselfish men I ever had the privilege of knowing. Upon my retirement from the Marine Corps, Louis made sure that I had a job and that I had a career path. Working side by side with him, his enthusiasm and zeal for life became infectious, enabling me to become a better man. I will miss my brother for the rest of my days and know in my heart, when I leave this life, Louis will once again help me in the hereafter.

I miss you brother!

Don Golde

Don Golde - April 22, 2014 at 07:10 AM

CB

“ Louis stopped by the church office several times a week, to sign checks, see if we needed a Sam's run, ask if there was anything that needed attention. He was so free with his time, experience, and resources; what an asset he was to our fellowship and a great friend.

Carol Basham - April 21, 2014 at 10:46 PM

 Pam
Fox

“ Thinking of all you do for our church and all your beautiful wife does makes it so difficult to think of going through the activities knowing you are looking at us with Jesus and not here working with us. Love you Louis. We will all do all we can to be with your lovely wife, Ruth, you left with us. We will do our best to carry on, But it will never be the same here without you.

Pam Fox - April 21, 2014 at 08:56 PM

MH

Sister Ruth, my heart goes out to you and your children, I am so sad to hear of his passing, but I do believe he's in the arms of God. A great man, he was, and I know he will be greatly missed by those who knew and loved him, and we did. May he rest in peace and may God 's strength and comfort be with you in this time of sorrow. To your sisters, my prayers are also coming your way. Sister Wilma, I know you loved him as a brother, I pray blessings on you and your whole family. R.I.P. Brother Louis ! Love Mary

mary hill - April 22, 2014 at 06:50 AM