



Norman Basham

May 23, 1941 - May 27, 2026

LASHMEET - Norman Craft Basham, 85, of Lashmeet, passed away Wednesday, May 27, 2026. Born May 23, 1941, in Rock, he was the son of Vernon and Reva Thompson Basham.

Norman was a Christian and believed on his Savior the Lord Jesus Christ. He was a graduate of Matoaka High School Class of 1959. After high school, he enlisted the United States Army and National Guard where he served in Spec. 5 Honor Guard in Military and Artillery Division. While in the Army, he also played on the softball team as a pitcher. He later pitched for semi-pro softball teams in North Carolina. Norman's last employment was the Mercer County Board of Education Maintenance Department.

Prior to losing his eyesight and his health deteriorating, he would spend his days visiting McDonald's and Kroger in Princeton and riding along Stafford Drive. He enjoyed flea markets, especially in Roanoke. He enjoyed the Grand Ole Opry and singing along with country music.

His survivors include his son, Stuart Lee Basham; brother, Terry Basham and wife Patricia; nephew, David Shawn Basham; niece, Jennifer Fonville and husband Jamie; and several great nieces and nephews.

Funeral Services will be held 1:00 p.m. on Wednesday, June 3, 2026 at

Bailey-Kirk Funeral Home in Princeton with Pastor Kelly Lyle, officiating. Interment will follow at Roselawn Memorial Gardens in Princeton, West Virginia. Military Honors will be conducted by the Mercer County Veterans Honor Guard.

The family will receive visitors from noon until the service hour.

The family would like to extend a special thanks to Hospice Compassus, especially Paige and Raelynn, and Conley White with Palliative Care. They also appreciate Bailey-Kirk Funeral Home for their services.

Arrangements by Bailey-Kirk Funeral Home in Princeton. Online condolences may be shared with the family at www.bailey-kirk.com.

Cemetery Details

Roselawn Memorial Gardens

450 Courthouse Road
Princeton, WV 24740

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 3. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Bailey-Kirk Funeral Home
1612 Honaker Avenue
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Funeral Service

JUN 3. 1:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *I'll always remember the many times listening to Noman sing. He was so blessed with a beautiful voice. You didn't want him to stop when he was singing. You will be missed. Our love and prayers to all the family.*

Teresa Thomason - June 01 at 11:11 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 Norman Craft Basham, 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/National Guard Veteran, Norman Craft Basham, 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 - May 30 at 07:51 AM