



Perry Vest

June 28, 1936 - December 16, 2022

LASHMEET – Perry Vest, 86, of Lashmeet, went home to be with the Lord on Friday, December 16, 2022 at PHCC surrounded by his family. Born June 28, 1936 in Matoaka, he was the son of the late Walter Vest and Maude Hanks Vest.

Mr. Vest attended Matoaka High School and enlisted in the US Army serving in the Korean War. After the Army he worked for Ford Motor Company in Detroit, Michigan, followed by several years as a West Virginia coal miner.

He was of the Baptist faith and attended Shawnee Baptist Church in Kegley. He enjoyed singing in church, camping, hunting, attending the WV State Fair, eating at McDonald's and riding with his buddy Cody looking for deer and turkey.

Perry was the last surviving member of his immediate family. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his first wife of 41 years, Lillie Holbrooks Vest; second wife of seven years, Pansy Taylor Vest; and siblings, Alma, Amos, Joe, Mae, Marie, Marion and Roy.

Those left to cherish his memory include his four children, Frances Walker and husband Cody of Lashmeet, Terri Burkhart and Scott of Highlandville, MO, Joyce Burress and Kirby of Eatontown, NJ and Perry Vest, Jr. and wife

Tammy of Kegley; seven grandchildren, Alisha Mitchell and husband J.C., Corey Walker, Crystal Shrewsbury and Zach, Misty Grider and husband Brad, Jeremy Shrewsbury and wife Megan, Curtis Burress and wife Ali and Matthew Burress; and eight great grandchildren, Payton, Baylee, Landon, Gavin, Gracelynn, Skyler, Emory and Evelyn.

Funeral services will be conducted at 7:00 p.m. Wednesday, December 21, 2022 at the Bailey-Kirk Funeral Home in Princeton with Pastor Gary Raulerson officiating. Military honors will be conducted by the Mercer County Veterans Honor Guard. The family is asking those who attend to wear blue and gold.

Interment will be held at 12:00 p.m. Friday, December 23, 2022 at Roselawn Memorial Gardens in Princeton.

Serving as pallbearers will be Matthew Burress, Corey Walker, Scott Grider, J.C. Mitchell, Jason Knowles and Sean Boyles.

The family will receive friends Wednesday, December 21, 2022 from 5:00 p.m. until service hour at the Bailey-Kirk Funeral Home in Princeton. To view a video tribute to Mr. Vest, or share condolences with the family, please visit www.bailey-kirk.com.

Cemetery Details

Roselawn Memorial Gardens

450 Courthouse Road
Princeton, WV 24740

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 21. 5:00 PM - 7:00 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

DEC 21. 7:00 PM (ET)

Bailey-Kirk Funeral Home
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Graveside Service

DEC **23**. 12:00 PM (ET)

Roselawn Memorial Gardens
450 Courthouse Road
Princeton, WV 24740

Tribute Wall



“ *Bailey-Kirk Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Perry Vest*



Bailey-Kirk Funeral Home - December 23, 2022 at 10:23 AM



“ *Perry Vest*

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 Perry Vest, 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, Perry Vest, 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 - December 22, 2022 at 04:36 AM

NF

“ *Nantucket Family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Perry Vest.*



Nantucket Family - December 21, 2022 at 01:55 PM

VT

“ *Condolences to the family, Perry will be missed by many 🙏*



Veronica Tuders - December 20, 2022 at 07:26 PM



“ *Perry will be missed by many. I have a lot of fond memories and enjoyed going to church with him. Lots of love and prayers for the family at this time...*



Kimberly Farley - December 20, 2022 at 06:19 PM

FB

“ *Frances Brannen lit a candle in memory of Perry Vest*



Frances Brannen - December 20, 2022 at 05:57 PM



“ *So very sorry to learn of this. Mine and Darla's condolences to the family. The family will be in our prayers.*

Larry Montgomery - December 20, 2022 at 05:11 PM

JF

“ Sorry to hear about your Dad Perry. He is where we long to be. We be praying for the family

John Farmer - December 20, 2022 at 04:37 PM

MB

“ Matoaka High class of 1954 send our love and deepest condolences.



Mary Catherine Bones - December 20, 2022 at 03:49 PM

SH

“ Uncle Perry was the best! I remember going to his and Aunt Lilly's house in the winter. He and my father, Joe, would go squirrel hunting with their pistols! They always came back with a armload of game. I have a picture of a family reunion held at their home. It was taken in 1967. Grandma is in the picture with five of her children. I always had a great time playing with Joyce, Terri, and Frances. Uncle Perry will be missed - the last of the greatest Vest generation

Sheila - December 20, 2022 at 03:19 PM