



## Robert Bailey

November 25, 1930 - December 1, 2017

PRINCETON – Robert Joseph Bailey, 87, of Princeton, died Friday, December 1, 2017. Born November 25, 1930 in Matoaka, he was the son of the late Dewey (Doc) Bailey and Margaret Marasco Bailey Beatty.

Bob was in the U.S. Army and Navy for nearly 25 years, reaching the rank of Major. He served in World War II and was in combat in the Korean and Vietnam wars and received many decorations, including the Bronze Star and Purple Heart. He was a Master Parachutist serving in the 82nd and 101st Airborne Division with 121 parachute jumps, including two combat jumps. He retired from the U.S. Army in 1970. He was a member of the Retired Officers Association, Purple Heart Association and the V.F.W.

Bob was a graduate of Matoaka High School and received his Bachelor's Degree from Upper Iowa University and his Master's Degree from Webster College. He was active in the National Technical Honor Society.

Bob worked for the Mercer County Board of Education Transportation Dept. and later was the Director of the Mercer County Technical Education Center. He was a former member of Rotary International, an avid reader and WVU Mountaineers fan.

Bob was preceded in death by his beloved wife, Joyce Ann Akers Bailey;

brothers, Donald, Jerry, Charles and Jackie Earl; and sisters, Shirley Moffett and Eleanor Hunter.

Survivors include daughter, Jaclyn Bailey and Nick Wiley; and her daughters, Macayla and Bretta whom he loved dearly; son, Mark Robert Bailey; daughter Pamela Watson and her children; five great-grandchildren; brothers, Jim and wife Shirley, Gary and wife Kathi and David; baby sister, Sherry Bailey; his childhood friend, Maynard Hatcher; and his feline friend, Socks. A special thank you to the staff and residents of The Havens.

Funeral services will be conducted at 11:00 a.m. Tuesday, December 5, 2017 at the Bailey-Kirk Funeral Home in Princeton with the Rev. Ralph Calfee officiating. Interment will follow at Monte Vista Park Cemetery in Green Valley where military honors will be conducted by the Mercer County Veterans Honor Guard.

The family will receive friends Monday, December 4, 2017 from 6-8 p.m. 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

## Monte Vista Park Cemetery

3716 Maple Acres Road  
Bluefield, WV

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC 4. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Bailey-Kirk Funeral Home  
1612 Honaker Avenue  
Princeton, WV 24740  
(304) 425-8176  
info@bailey-kirk.com  
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## Funeral Service

DEC 5. 11:00 AM (ET)

Bailey-Kirk Funeral Home  
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# Tribute Wall



“ *Robert Bailey*

December 27, 2022 at 03:07 PM



“ *Jaclyn, Macayla and family,  
So Sorry for your loss. I taught at MCTEC for many years. Mr. Bailey was friendly and pleasant and easy to work with. He spoke often of his family and was proud of all of you. He used military time and showed lots of interest in health care and our program. We did not know much about his military service and awards. We appreciate his service to our country. Prayers for your family.*

**Marietta Akers Buckner** - December 08, 2017 at 11:03 AM



“ *Jaclyn, Macayla, Bretta & Mark. I am very sorry to hear about the passing of you beloved Dad & Grandad. I enjoyed talking with him and listening to his many stories about the past. I do have his book and have read it also. May time help to heal your broken hearts. God Bless, Sandy*

**Sandy McGuire** - December 04, 2017 at 12:20 PM



“ *Summer's Light Bouquet was purchased for the family of Robert Bailey.*



December 04, 2017 at 10:29 AM