



## Roy Delano Tilley

May 20, 1938 - November 19, 2018

PRINCETON – Roy Delano Tilley, 80 of Princeton went to be with his beloved Lord on Monday, November 19, 2018. Born May 20, 1938 at McComas, he was the son of the late Joseph Daniel Tilley and Hazel Blankenship Tilley.

Roy retired from the U. S. Navy after 20 years of service and from the coal mines after 20 years. He was a faithful and active member of Rich Creek Baptist Church in Spanishburg.

Those left to treasure their fond memories of him include his wife of 57 years, Betty Zane Morehead Tilley; daughter Tammi Martin and husband, Kent; son, Barry Tilley and wife, Anna Mae; grandchildren, Kyler and Kalissa. He is also survived by a brother Lloyd Tilley and wife Jo Ann; a sister, Sue Diegel; a devoted, tenderhearted niece, Gayle Jennings along with many other nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be conducted at 1:00 p.m. Saturday, November 24, 2018 at Bailey-Kirk Funeral Home with Pastor Ralph Calfee and Pastor Jamie Mattox officiating where military honors will be conducted by the Mercer County Veterans Honor Guard. Private interment will follow at McClougherty-Morehead Cemetery near Princeton.

Friends may visit with the family from noon until 1:00 p.m. at the funeral home.

Arrangements by Bailey-Kirk Funeral Home in Princeton. To view a video tribute or send the family online condolences please visit [www.bailey-kirk.com](http://www.bailey-kirk.com).

# Previous Events

## Visitation

NOV **24**. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Bailey-Kirk Funeral Home  
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Princeton, WV 24740  
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## Funeral Service

NOV **24**. 1:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Bailey-Kirk Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Roy Delano Tilley*



**Bailey-Kirk Funeral Home** - November 24, 2018 at 11:25 AM



*What a beautiful tribute*

**Sandra Diegel Jo** - November 25, 2018 at 03:16 PM

VT

*That was by far the best tribute that I have seen.. May God be with you in this time of need.. But we all know he isn't alone. My dad was the first to go so I know he was waiting for him to welcome him to the the best place to be. No more pain and always will be looking down on his family.. With every wind that blows, and every rain that comes know it's his presence you will feel..*

**Virginia Tilley** - November 26, 2018 at 08:47 AM

TM

*That is beautiful. Thank you!*

**Tammi Martin** - December 10, 2018 at 12:41 PM

RT

*Beautiful tribute, God Bless all*

**Roger Tilley** - December 11, 2018 at 08:03 AM



“ Roy Delano Tilley

December 27, 2022 at 03:07 PM



“ The best Father-in-law that anyone could have. I will miss his weekly visits. I will miss seeing him on his tracker and him working in his work shop and looking at all the wonderful things he make out of wood. I will miss you and your son time together working or just setting at the kitchen table talking. I will miss you so much.

Anna Tilley - November 23, 2018 at 09:52 PM



“ Mom and I are saddened by Delano Tilley's departure. We know that Brother/Uncle Delano is in a much better place but it is so hard for those left here. Mom says she is so glad he is not suffering. However, the tears did flow from her and I. Mom says it sure does hurt, a lot. Even though we don't live close, our hearts are breaking as he was truly a good and loving man. He was always there for us, coming to Md. for various occasions. So it is doubly hard that we cannot make this trip and wanted to make it even earlier than now. For years, mom and I wanted to visit. But with age, it gets harder. We know God has you now Uncle Delano and that's the only reason we can pull thru. Love, hugs and kisses. Your Loving Sister, Sue and Loving Niece, Sandra

Sandra Johnson - November 23, 2018 at 05:50 PM



This is beautiful, sis ❤️ Uncle Delano was a very special man

Linda Enlow - November 23, 2018 at 10:45 PM



*Awe thank you. We just watched the tribute. Stunning*

**Sandra Diegel Jo** - November 25, 2018 at 03:29 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Roy Delano Tilley.*



November 23, 2018 at 04:11 PM



“ *Dear Betty, Tammy and Barry,  
We are so sorry for your loss, not easy to let someone you love go. He is in a better place now. Timmy will be there on Saturday. Love  
Timmy and Joyce*

**timmy morehead** - November 21, 2018 at 05:21 PM



*Positive thoughts and prayers for you and your family during this difficult time. We all know he is in a much better place... ( We are friends with Timmy and Joyce Morehead, Paw Paw Morehead and Celina and David Epley and family.)*

**Muke Scott** - November 22, 2018 at 04:00 PM



“ *I remember seeing uncle Delano in his sailor suit & thinking WOW I want to be like him. Watching him & Betty Zane moving to exciting places made me know I wanted that life. I am proud to say that I got that dream & was a Navy wife for 20 years. Uncle Delano always had something wise to say to me & the memories I have can never be taken away. Your loving niece Carolyn*

**carolyn lough** - November 21, 2018 at 07:33 AM



“ *I'll never forget the time I was with my aunt, uncle and cousins Tammi and Barry. We were I think in Bristol and stuck in traffic, trying to get to the Pizza Hut for lunch. My uncle told me to use my siren to move people out of the way. That was a talent I use to have. I rolled my window down and used my siren voice. Sure enough, people started moving out of the way and we sailed clear right into the Pizza Hut!*

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**Jeffrey Morehead** - November 20, 2018 at 07:54 PM