



Van Nelson Folden

February 28, 1947 - September 21, 2014

PRINCETON – “I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith.” – 2 Timothy 4:7. Van Nelson Folden, 67, of Princeton, died Sunday, September 21, 2014 at his home following a long illness. Born February 28, 1947 in Garwood, he was the son of the late Earl Folden and Ruby McKinney Folden.

Mr. Folden was a veteran of the US Army having served in Vietnam. He served on the police force in Washington, DC before returning to West Virginia. He spent many years employed as an electrician/master mechanic in the coal mines, Radford Arsenal and New River Casting in Radford, VA. Van’s greatest joys in life were his family, flea markets, yard sales and operating his novelty business.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by one brother, Edward Folden.

Left to cherish his memory include his wife of 46 years, Betty Jean Cook Folden; one daughter, Elizabeth Folden Jennings and her husband John of Princeton; one son, David Lee Folden and his wife Rebecca of Chelsea, AL; three grandsons, Noah and Elijah Jennings of Princeton and Travis Folden of Chelsea, AL; two brothers, David Folden and his wife Susan of Lashmeet and Gary Folden and his wife Sandy of Fredricksburg, VA; one sister, Earline

Folden Gillenwater and her husband David of Beckley; several nieces and nephews; special sister-in-law, Linda Riffe of Durbin; and loving caregivers, Thomasina and Jennifer.

Funeral services will be conducted at 1:00 p.m. Tuesday, September 23, 2014 at the Rowland H. Bailey Funeral Chapel of the Bailey-Kirk Funeral Home in Princeton with the Rev. Larry Dyer officiating. Interment will follow at Roselawn Memorial Gardens where military honors will be conducted by the Mercer County Veterans Honor Guard.

The family will receive friends Tuesday, September 23, 2014 from noon until service hour at the 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

SEP **23**. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Bailey-Kirk Funeral Home
1612 Honaker Avenue
Princeton, WV 24740
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Funeral Service

SEP **23**. 1:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Van Nelson Folden*

December 27, 2022 at 03:07 PM



“ *Karen McKinney Keaton lit a candle in memory of Van Nelson Folden*



Karen McKinney Keaton - September 23, 2014 at 07:37 AM



*Family,
I remember Van from the Bud community and high school.
Unfortunately lost touch and did not know his wife and children. I do know Gary, David, and Earlene and my condolences to each of them and the family. The Earl Folden family is distantly related to me through the McKinney's and will always be a fond memory from my youthful days in Bud. May God Bless!*

Karen McKinney Keaton - September 23, 2014 at 07:40 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Van Nelson Folden.*



September 23, 2014 at 07:26 AM

BB

“ Betty, we are very sorry for your loss. I know we have only known you all for a few years since we moved beside you but Van seemed like a very special person. He will be missed and if there is anything we can ever do for you just let us know. Our prayers are with you. Mike and Betty Bibey



Betty Bibey - September 22, 2014 at 08:24 PM



“ Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Van Nelson Folden.



September 22, 2014 at 06:41 PM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Van Nelson Folden.



September 22, 2014 at 11:08 AM

AN

“ You will be missed uncle van. One of my favorite memories of all my uncles and papa is when my uncles were trying to talk papa into giving me a bow. Uncle Van just sat there smiling at me then papa started to cave I got a wink from uncle van. I have that bow still and the memory it holds.

andrea morgan his niece - September 21, 2014 at 07:08 PM

CB

“ *Thoughts and prayers, so very sorry for loss,
he was a great person.
Love you guys.
Connie Jennings Bailey*



Connie Jnnings Bailey - September 21, 2014 at 06:37 PM



“ *Beth
I wish I could be there in person for you all, but please know you are
in my thoughts and prayers constantly! I will always have a special
place in my heart that belongs only to uncle Van!! He always made
sure to have my beads and baubles when I was a child and came to
visit! (He is largely responsible for my fashion sense today! Lol!). I
love you guys and if there is anything we can do please don't
hesitate to call. Kiss and hug aunt Betty for me and tell her I'm
praying for her and that I love her.
Love
Melanie Cosner*

Melanie Riffe Cosner - September 21, 2014 at 06:14 PM