



William "Junior" Dalton

January 7, 1935 - March 15, 2025

PRINCETON – William “Junior” Dalton, 90, of Princeton, died Saturday, March 15, 2025 following a lengthy illness. Born January 7, 1935 in Dott, he was the son of the late Howard Dalton and Ethel Widener Dalton.

Mr. Dalton was a graduate of Spanishburg High School, Concord College, Bluefield State College and McClain Business College. He received a bachelor’s degree in business management. He worked for American Block Co., Concord College and at the US Pentagon before returning home to operate a machine shop with his brother.

Junior’s lifelong dream and love was drag racing. The Dalton Gang was formed, and the winning began – with his brother, Deedle Dalton and Freddie Sisk. “Wild Bill” Dalton won many International Drag Racing awards. He raced in the first IHRA race and the last IHRA race at Bristol Dragway.

Junior was a member of Princeton Elks Lodge #1459 and a Moose member General Assembly IL Lodge 3000. He also loved sewing and made beautiful quilts, aprons, table runners, purses and tote bags.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by one son, Aaron Jason Dalton.

Survivors include his wife of 19 years, Robin Beamer Dalton; one daughter, Lee File and husband John of Beckley; one son, Howie Dalton and daughter-in-law, Gina Sively of Princeton; one brother, Oscar Lee "Deedle" Dalton of Princeton; sister-in-law, Judy Crotty and husband Kenny of Princeton; three granddaughters, Audrey File Yambrick and husband Chris, Haley Cripps and husband Ben and Kelsey Deverin; four great grandchildren, Lilly and Luke Yambrick and Chloe and Claire Cripps; four nieces and nephews, Ricky Dalton and wife Tammy, Tanga Cline and husband David, Jeff Dalton and wife Cathy and Cindy Dalton and companion Wes Eller; and his granddog Bella.

Funeral services will be conducted at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, March 19, 2025 at the Bailey-Kirk Funeral Home in Princeton with Pastor Andrew Maynor officiating and eulogist, Kenny Crotty. Interment will follow at Roselawn Memorial Gardens in Princeton.

Serving as pallbearers will be Ricky Dalton, Jeff Dalton, David Cline, Daniel Gibson, John Keatley and Jeremy Tolliver.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to First Baptist Church Building Fund, 1116 Mercer St., Princeton, WV 24740 or to Glenwood Healthcare Center, 1924 Glenwood Park Rd., Princeton, WV 24740.

The family will receive friends Wednesday, March 19, 2025 from 9:30 a.m. until service hour at the 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

MAR 19. 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM (ET)

Bailey-Kirk Funeral Home
1612 Honaker Avenue
Princeton, WV 24740
(304) 425-8176
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Funeral Service

MAR 19. 10:30 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ Bailey-Kirk Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of William "Junior" Dalton



Bailey-Kirk Funeral Home - March 25, 2025 at 12:18 PM

CS

“ Carla S. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of William "Junior" Dalton.

Carla S. - March 20, 2025 at 01:09 AM



“ I lived across the alley from him when I was a kid. I played with his son who was a bit older than me. I'm glad he is finally reunited with him. Junior Dalton was always so kind to me. I remember having to run to get my basketball before his huskie did. A great man. Rest in peace. -Charles Elmore

Jinn Emon - March 19, 2025 at 02:14 PM

JS

He was my double first cousin and I hate that I didn't know about it until it's too late for me to make it in for the funeral I love them love the whole family may God bless the family I'll be praying for him

James sigmon - March 25, 2025 at 11:34 PM

SW

“ So sorry for the loss of your loved one.

Sally S Witten - March 19, 2025 at 11:24 AM

VH

“ When I married Tommy I meet Jr and his mother Ethel they welcomed you into their home for a meal sitting around the kitchen table hearing so many stories, Jr will be missed very much he was a friend, brother, grandpa . Jr loved his wife Robin so much she will miss him alot but will see him again rest in prace jr. Sending prayers to the family

Vickie Honaker - March 18, 2025 at 06:23 PM

AN

“ Robin and family, I reconnected with Jr, after I lost my honey, and started coming back home each summer. Brother Bill invited me to breakfast with Ed, James and Jr. I knew Jr while in Concord and for what ever reason he remembered me. I was looking forward to the coming summer and being with him again. I know he's had it rough the last couple years but somehow I thought he'd do it again. I'll miss not talking, or as some might say listening, to him. Prayers and best wishes to you and family. I hope to visit with you this summer. Love to all!

anonymous - March 18, 2025 at 02:20 PM

JJ

“ The good times we had racing together are wonderful memories. Keeping everyone in our thoughts and prayers at this time. Love, Dennis, Janet, Rusty and Missie and families. “JACKSON RACING”

Janet Jackson - March 18, 2025 at 01:40 PM

EC

“ Evelyn Crotty lit a candle in memory of William "Junior" Dalton



Evelyn Crotty - March 18, 2025 at 11:05 AM

EC

Have know Robin and Jr for over 40 years Love Miss Robin and have shared many memories with her Thinking about you dear Robin

Evelyn Crotty - March 18, 2025 at 11:07 AM

KT

“ Kim and Ted purchased the Simply Elegant Spat hiphyllum for the family of William "Junior" Dalton.



Kim and Ted - March 18, 2025 at 06:58 AM

JM

“ Jr and I became friends when Jason was alive. He was a great dad and a very good person. Always having fun and smiling. He will be missed. Rest easy my friend. Say hello to your mom and Jason for me.



Jason McBride - March 17, 2025 at 09:42 PM

CN

“ *Such a diverse and kind man. He and Deedle treated me like family. The Dalton Gang, all of you, will always hold a special place in my heart, RIP and godspeed.*

*"And when our work is done,
Our course on earth is run,
May it be said, 'Well done!'
Be thou at peace"*

Carl Nank - March 17, 2025 at 09:15 PM

BO

“ *Robin and all his family members, I am so sorry for you lost. I became friends with Bill about 7 or 8 years ago and during those years we shared many breakfasts together many several trip together. I will miss him. I know everyone called him Junior but I always call him Bill.*

RIP my friend, I know the last year has been not great, but now you can feel pain free.

Bill Oxley - March 17, 2025 at 07:35 PM

FL

“ *From Wayne Crotty and Lynda purchased the Florist Choice Bouquet for the family of William "Junior" Dalton.*



From Wayne Crotty and Lynda - March 17, 2025 at 07:32 PM

AR

“ April Roland lit a candle in memory of William "Junior" Dalton



April Roland - March 17, 2025 at 07:28 PM

KO

“ I could say so much ❤️ i have bn a part of the "Dalton Gang" since way back when working for Jr an Deedle In their RACING DAYZ...🔥 To Howie..Robyn..Deedle praying for you all...🙏 in this time of sadness 😭 I love you all ❤️🙏



Kendra Oxley - March 17, 2025 at 07:02 PM

TC

“ I remember Juniors "cool car" and as I was only about 8 years of age it had a lasting impression on me. Junior to me was full of energy and personality. I always loved seeing him when I was visiting my grandparents in Dott. RIP and my condolences to the family 🙏🙏🙏
Tamela Honaker Corwin

Tamela Corwin - March 17, 2025 at 06:19 PM

FT

“ My Condolences to all the family. My thoughts and prayers are with you. Jr was a very kind man. When I think of Jr. my memories are the love, care and time shared with his Mother. He also had a great love for Robin and loved spending time with Kelsey. May God comfort you all on your loss.

Frances Trenum - March 17, 2025 at 05:48 PM

TT

“ God Speed Jr!



Tim Taylor - March 17, 2025 at 02:49 PM

DH

Deepest sympathy and prayers for the entire family 🙏. Special prayers for Robin 💕.

Debbie Hopkins - March 17, 2025 at 04:07 PM

JF

“ I've known Junior since 1963! He's one of my favorite people ever. He could brighten you up faster than anyone else I know. My deepest sympathy goes to his family and friends. I hope he rests easily!

Janie Farmer - March 17, 2025 at 02:19 PM

MT

“ Marty Taylor lit a candle in memory of William "Junior" Dalton



Marty Taylor - March 17, 2025 at 02:15 PM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of William "Junior" Dalton.*



March 17, 2025 at 12:53 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of William "Junior" Dalton.

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“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of William "Junior" Dalton.*



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