



William Mann

January 30, 1930 - July 21, 2025

PRINCETON – William H. Mann, lovingly known as “Billy” went to rest on July 21, 2025. Born January 30, 1930, at home, in Assurance, Monroe County, West Virginia (now known as Cook’s Run Road), Billy was a man of deep honesty, loyalty, and Appalachian wisdom.

He attended WV Business College in Bluefield, WV. IN 1950, Billy joined the U.S. Navy and served his country with pride until 1954, traveling the world aboard the USS Benham while sharing this journey with his brother Harry. He was a veteran of the Korean War. Following his military service, he began a long and dedicated career with Kroger, where he worked from 1955 until his retirement in 1995.

On July 3 1955, Billy married the love of his life, Betty Jo Wooten, and together they shared a life full of love and devotion until her passing in 2003. A man who found peace and joy in nature, Billy loved trout fishing and hiking through the mountains on the ridge lines he called home. He was also a gifted photographer, capturing thousands of images of the natural world, scenic landscapes, and the family he held dear.

Billy was a longtime member of Liberty Baptist Church.

One of eight siblings, born into a close-knit family, Billy is preceded in death by

his parents, Wilbur and Esther Mann of Lindside, his brothers, Donald, Carl, and Larry Mann; and his beloved wife, Betty Jo.

He is survived by his daughter, Cheryl Belcher and her husband Bill; his son, Rick Mann and wife Sherry; grandchildren, Kristen Mann, Leslie Mann and partner Michael Rowell, Adam Belcher and his wife Ashley Crawford, and Amanda Shrewsbury and her husband Alvin; great-grandchildren, Mikah and Maxx Mann, Scarlett and Ivy Carr, Kobey Taylor-Williams and partner Lacy Bridges, and Noah Taylor; sisters, Lucy Graham, Nancy Phillips, and Bonnie Barberie and her husband, Dwain; his dear brother, Harry Mann; and a host of nieces, nephews, extended family, and friends.

Bill's memory will live on through the stories, photographs, and love he shared with all who knew him

Funeral Service will be held 1:00 p.m. Thursday, July 24, 2025 with Reverend Greg Kinzer, officiating. Interment will follow at Oakwood Cemetery in Princeton. Military Honors will be conducted by the Mercer County Veterans Honor Guard.

The family will receive visitors from noon until the service hour.

Arrangements by Bailey-Kirk Funeral Home in Princeton. Online condolences may be shared with the family at www.bailey-kirk.com.

Cemetery Details

Oakwood Cemetery

1917 West Main St.
Princeton, WV 24740

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 24. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (ET)

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

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Tribute Wall



“ *Bailey-Kirk Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of William Mann*



Bailey-Kirk Funeral Home - July 25, 2025 at 03:05 PM

DB

“ *I was sad to hear of Bill's passing. He was the best of neighbors and a good friend. My thoughts and prayers are with his entire family. R.I.P.*
Donald Belcher

Donald Belcher - August 17, 2025 at 01:44 PM

DF

“ *Bill and Charles Foster spent a lot of time together talking and watching the world go by on Henry St. Sorry to see them both gone now. Heaven will be a better place with them there. You have my deepest sympathy. Drew Foster*

DREW FOSTER - July 25, 2025 at 01:28 PM

LB

“ Love, The Bickeys purchased the *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* for the family of William Mann.



Love, The Bickeys - July 23, 2025 at 04:40 PM

LB

“ Love, The Bickeys planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of William Mann.

Love, The Bickeys - July 23, 2025 at 04:40 PM

LJ

“ Love Barry and Judy purchased the *Beautiful in Blue* for the family of William Mann.



Love Barry and Judy - July 22, 2025 at 06:30 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 William H. Mann, 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 Navy Veteran, William H. Mann, 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 - July 22, 2025 at 07:30 AM

JF

I'm going to miss you so much Uncle Bill, give Betty & everyone else a kiss for me and tell them I love them. You was always my favorite Uncle ,you were such a sweet Uncle and so caring of a man. You loved the outdoors except when I would pick up the wrong stuff when I was little lol when we were all ginsenging with all of the Manns . You also loved pictures and especially Cheryl and Rick and , The grandbabies you were always a well spoken man , a hardworking family man. J adore you Uncle Bill, Thank you for taking me in when I was young for Granny Wooten. I love & Miss you - Ginger , Little Barry and Family, John John & Oliver, Jared, Victoria & Liam ❤️💔

Jennifer Ferguson - July 24, 2025 at 06:04 PM

CR

“ Chris, Kim, Trent, Elizabeth, and Rhonda purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of William Mann.



Chris, Kim, Trent, Elizabeth, and Rhonda - July 21, 2025 at 09:26 PM