



Willis Akers III

July 10, 1950 - December 21, 2022

ROCK – Willis Boyd Akers, III, 72, of Rock, went home to be with the Lord on the morning of Wednesday, December 21, 2022 at his residence. God gained another angel today. He will be deeply missed and will remain in the hearts of many. Born July 10, 1950 in Rock, he was the son of the late Willis Boyd Akers, Jr. and Wilma Marie Laxton Akers.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a brother, Samuel Akers; and a niece, Trina Mathena.

Mr. Akers was a veteran of the US Air Force having served in Vietnam. Willis was a sweet and caring man. He enjoyed being outside in hay fields farming on tractors. His love for shooting guns and hunting made him a true country boy at heart.

Left to cherish his memory include his wife, Sharon Cecil Lee Akers whom he married on July 4, 1989 in Las Vegas, Nevada; children, Candice and Angela Mitchem, Abby and Dwayne East, Cory Akers, Cody, Desierre, Joy Reed, Willis Boyd Akers IV, Michael James Akers and Raymond Jackson Akers all of Phoenix, AZ; one brother, Daniel Akers and his wife Peggy; two sisters, Diana Hutchins and Brenda Dotson; and several grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Funeral services will be conducted at 1:00 p.m. Monday, January 2, 2023 at the Bailey-Kirk Funeral Home in Princeton with Pastor James Cecil officiating. Military honors will be conducted by the Mercer County Veterans Honor Guard at the funeral home. Interment will follow at the Akers Cemetery in Matoaka.

Serving as pallbearers will be Angela Mitchem, Ricky Cox, Dwayne East, Chris Akers, Wade Akers, Daniel Akers and Cory Akers.

The family will receive friends Monday, January 2, 2023 from noon 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

Akers Cemetery

Cloud View
Matoaka, WV 24736

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 2. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (ET)

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

JAN 2. 1:00 PM (ET)

Bailey-Kirk Funeral Home
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Tribute Wall



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Willis Akers III.*



December 29, 2022 at 03:08 PM



“ *Love the photo. We took lots of photos when the Thunderbirds came to Beckley. He was a mechanic working on their airplanes! What a great, fun day. I remember him working for Mercer Co Schools. He enjoyed his job and never complained. A really nice guy.*

Marietta Akers Buckner - December 29, 2022 at 08:56 AM



“ *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 Willis Boyd Akers III, 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 Air Force Veteran, Willis Boyd Akers III, 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 - December 29, 2022 at 07:39 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Willis Akers III.*



December 28, 2022 at 02:49 PM