



Willis Hill

March 31, 1934 - January 12, 2026

ROCK - Willis Dean Hill, 91, of Rock, passed away on Monday, January 12, 2026. Born March 31, 1934, in Rock, he was the son of the late V. A. Hill and Lillian Jones Hill.

Willis served in the US Navy where he was a naval pilot and earned the rank of Lt. Junior Grade. He attended WVU, Penn State and MIT. He was a member of the Sigma Phi Epsilon Fraternity. He had a very inquisitive mind and loved to “tinker” with many things including devising a new method to measure the speed of light. He was a professor at Concord College from 1958-2007. He was a lover of all types of animals.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his wife, Rita Hill; son, Andrew Hill; grandson, Sean Hill; and brother, Lendall Hill.

His survivors include his children, James Hill and wife Marie of Princeton, and David Hill and wife Marcia of Rock; grandchildren, Katie Hill and husband Joe Klass of Morgantown, Amelia Mullens and husband Chris of Fairmont, and Andrew Hill of Austin, TX; great-granddaughter, Mary Mullens; brother, William Hill and wife Imogene of Rock; and sister-in-law, Claudia Hill of Charleston.

Funeral Service will be held at 1:00 p.m. on Friday, January 23, 2026 at Bailey-Kirk Funeral Home in Princeton with Retired Pastor Wayne Snider.

Interment will follow at Resthaven Memorial Park in Princeton.

The family will receive visitors on Thursday, January 22, 2026 at the funeral home from 5:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m.

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

Cemetery Details

Resthaven Memorial Park

1917 West Main St.
Princeton, WV 24740

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 22. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Bailey-Kirk Funeral Home
1612 Honaker Avenue
Princeton, WV 24740
(304) 425-8176
info@bailey-kirk.com
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Funeral Service

JAN 23. 1:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of Willis Hill.*



January 19 at 10:24 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 Willis Dean Hill, 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, Willis Dean Hill, 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 J Skinner TriState Military - January 14 at 08:03 AM

MB

“ Willis is part of my memories from Matoaka High as well as seeing him as Professor at Concord and being his neighbor across North Walker Street. Watched his sons growing up and watched Rita walking down that steep hill to catch her ride to wherever she was teaching. Heartfelt sympathy to the family. Mary Catherine Bones

Mary Catherine Bones - January 13 at 08:08 PM

MF

He was my physics teacher at Concord in the late 1960's. He always had a smile and taught of things that I had a difficult time understanding. He was so intelligent and physics was difficult for me but I became a science teacher in Mercer County schools for many years. What a blessing for his long life.

Mary Feuchtenberger - January 14 at 09:48 AM

FH

I am very very sorry to hear of Professor Hill's passing. I took several of his Physics courses during the 1959 - 1960 academic year. He saw something in me that I never thought I could accomplish, further graduate education at a university. Thus, I am forever indebted to him for his recommendation that I attend West Virginia University graduate school. He made this life changing suggestion to me, and I have cherished it since that day. I soon applied to the WVU Physics Department and started there during the summer session June 1960. Thanks to Professor Hill's encouragement I received a Ph.D in Physics in June 1964. It is my understanding that he encouraged other students who went on to receive advanced degrees. Such important personal interaction with students is rare and he is to be highly commended for it. His family can be very proud of his lifelong dedication to Concord University. I am very grateful that I was one of the numerous students who were lucky enough to attend his classes. Not only was he a very intelligent and accomplished teacher but a wonderful person as well. We were all very blessed to have him in our lives. My sincere sympathy to the family.
Frank E. Hoge

Frank E, Hoge - January 19 at 11:21 AM