



Wintfrey "Wimpy" Shrewsbury

December 21, 2021

PRINCETON – Wintfrey "Wimpy" Shrewsbury, 94, passed peacefully to our Heavenly Father with family by his side on December 21, 2021 at Stonerise Princeton. The family would like to thank the entire staff at Stonerise for such excellent care during his stay.

Wimpy was born in Raleigh County to the late Wiley Wintfrey Shrewsbury and Gracie Shrewsbury Blankenship. Following graduation from Matoaka High School, he enlisted in the Coast Guard and served in both the Atlantic and Pacific theaters during WWII. Following his military discharge, he worked in the coal mines for six years with Turkey Gap Coal and Coke Company. He was also employed for 10 years with Maidenform, Inc. of Princeton.

Dedicating decades to Civil Service, Wimpy served 18 years as Assessor of Mercer County. Moving the county from a Class III county to a Class I county in order to provide funding for schools, as well as, police and fire departments. Wintfrey's efforts assisted in paving the way for economic growth for the city of Princeton for decades to come.

Wintfrey also served as Mercer County Sheriff from 1969 until 1972. Prior to that, he was elected and served eight years as constable from the East River District. Wintfrey was one of the first magistrates in Mercer County, serving nearly two years under appointment by Mercer County Commission.

Wintfrey also served as treasurer for the West Virginia Sheriff's Association and was a member of the United Mine Workers Union No. 6039. He was a long-standing member of Immanuel Baptist Church, Princeton Masonic Lodge, Princeton Royal Arch Masons No. 44, Eastern Star Chapter No. 513, Princeton Moose Lodge, the Fraternal Order of Police and Riley Vest Post No. 9 of Bluefield. He was named as Mercer County's "Outstanding Democrat" in 1990.

He is preceded in death by his beloved wife, Marie Whitt Shrewsbury; daughter, Sheila Faye Croy; step-father, Lacy Blankenship; sister and brother-in-law, Rema and Charles Blankenship; nephew, Charles Howard Blankenship and brother-in-law, Clifford Hoffman of Paradise, California.

Survivors include grandsons, Stephen Croy, Jonathan Croy and wife, Tara and several grandchildren; sister, Sharon Rose Hoffman of Paradise, California, niece, Susie Hoffman and husband, Blaine Wells also of California. brother-in-law, Mason Whitt; niece Sherry Johnson and husband, Bill; great niece, Lisa Johnson and husband Kevin and great nephew, Mark Sharpe and wife Danielle Mahaffey.

Funeral services will be conducted at 7:00 p.m. Wednesday, December 22, 2021 at Bailey-Kirk Funeral Home in Princeton with Dr. Dan Jividen officiating. Military honors will be conducted by the Mercer County Veterans Honor Guard. A private graveside service will be conducted on Thursday, December 23 at Resthaven Memorial Park.

Friends may visit with the family from 6:00-7:00 p.m. at the funeral home.

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

Cemetery Details

Resthaven Memorial Park

1917 West Main St.
Princeton, WV 24740

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC **22**. 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

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

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Tribute Wall



“ *Wintfrey "Wimpy" Shrewsbury*

December 27, 2022 at 03:07 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 Wintfrey Shrewsbury, 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 Coast Guard Veteran, Wintfrey Shrewsbury, 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 23, 2021 at 02:20 AM



“ *I first met Wimpy as a boy in church but got to know him through the years buying and selling with him. I was trying to buy something from him once and asked him what exactly it was and his answer was that he wasn't sure but it was "good junk". A real horsetrader and a life well lived. RIP Wimpy.*

Rick Spriggs - December 22, 2021 at 03:34 PM

VT

“ *Worked with Wimpy for several years and knew him for about 50.....he was a pillar of our community... public servant man of integrity..... Masonic brother.....great boss.....Look well to the East Wimpy!*

v

vtm - December 22, 2021 at 11:46 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Wintfrey "Wimpy" Shrewsbury.*



December 22, 2021 at 10:42 AM

SS

“ *I had the privilege of meeting Wimpy through his many years as a curator of antiques. For years I looked forward to spending time catching up with Wimpy while perusing his newest finds. I seldom left empty handed, as he was always willing to share his vast knowledge and treasures at a fair, but firm price 🙄. A gentleman of the highest order, Wimpy, like much of his inventory, was one-of-a-kind and will be greatly missed!*

Susan Smith - December 22, 2021 at 07:22 AM

MH

“ My prayers go out to the family. Mr Shrewsbury was a kind man he helped me so much.. To Steven and Jonathan one day at a time I ❤️ you guys always. Michelle Hess Shorter



Michelle Hess - December 22, 2021 at 01:56 AM

JW

“ I have known Mr.Shrewsbury for a while, Sorry for your loss he was a nice fellow . He was a leader of the county for some time.

Jerry Williams - December 21, 2021 at 07:43 PM

MB

“ Mary Catherine Bones lit a candle in memory of Wintfrey "Wimpy" Shrewsbury



Mary Catherine Bones - December 21, 2021 at 07:19 PM

DC

“ Prayers and sympathy to Winfrey's family. He was a fine man—admired and loved by his church and community.



Deborah Clark - December 21, 2021 at 07:16 PM