



Willie Ray Bartley

April 3, 1938 - September 20, 2016

Willie Ray Bartley, Sr., resident of Danville, Virginia passed away on September 20, 2016 at his home after a sudden decline in health.

Willie Ray, as he was known by many, was born on the 3rd of April, 1938 in Pikeville, Kentucky to Vertie and Delbert Bartley. He was predeceased in death by both his parents, his wife Lillie Ann and two sisters, Glenda Marie Bartley and Helema Hopkins.

He is survived by his children: Thaddeus Bartley of Radford, VA, and his children Pauline and Ashley; Peggy Vaught of Radford, VA; Jerry Bartley of Christiansburg, VA and his children Megan and Jacob; Annette Jeter, her husband Vann and their children, Adrienne and Peyton of Danville, VA; Ray Bartley, his wife Allyson and their children, Ryan and Evan of Danville, VA; and Jeff Bartley of Raleigh, NC.; plus, eight Great Grandchildren. In addition, Willie Ray is also survived by siblings Irvin Bartley (wife Peggy), Estil Bartley (wife Reda), Destil Standifur (husband Don), Debbie Bowling (husband Dudley Bowling), all of Elkhorn City, Kentucky and Sherry Mayes of Thomasville, NC. He also leaves behind numerous cousins, nieces, nephews, in-laws, and friends who all helped make his life rich and full.

Willie was born in Pikeville, KY and raised in Elkhorn City, KY, attending school at Hellier High School. He was employed in the coal mines before

heading east to Danville, VA where he would accept a job as a weaver at Dan River Mills. There, he worked for 44 years, before retiring as a supervisor in 4-B Weave at Schoolfield. Willie was dedicated to work and providing for his family. A man of few words, he loved entertaining his family and friends with decadent breakfasts and routine fishing and hunting trips. Yet to those closest to him, he will forever be remembered as the caring man who faithfully and lovingly cared for his ailing wife, Lillie, the last weeks of her life - always by her side. A man that was steadfast and true, until the very end.

Family will receive guests at the Wrenn-Yeatts Westover Chapel on September 23, 2016 from 5-7 p.m. There will be no burial service. A celebration of life will be held in Spring 2017.

Memorial contributions may be made in Willie Ray's name to the American Cancer Society or the Tunstall Fire and Rescue Squad.

Wrenn-Yeatts Westover Chapel is respectfully serving the Bartley family.

Tribute Wall

TO

“ Sounds like the memories of your dad are a tribute to his amazing character and spirit of giving. May you all find comfort in knowing that he is now watching over you with the love of Christ! Blessings to you all...T. Owens



Tammy Owens - September 30, 2016 at 08:10 AM

YP

“ Your Son Thaddeus & Grandkids Ashley & Pauline purchased the Lavender Reflections Spray for the family of Willie Ray Bartley.



Your Son Thaddeus & Grandkids Ashley & Pauline -
September 23, 2016 at 12:15 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Willie Ray Bartley.



September 23, 2016 at 10:34 AM

SB

“ Jeffrey, my thoughts and prayers are with you and your family during this time. May knowing that your Dad is in a better place, at peace, and reunited with your Mom help provide some comfort to you and your loved ones.



Stephanie Bora - September 23, 2016 at 12:18 AM

KD

“ I really enjoyed meeting your dad when I was there several years back. He was a very sweet man. He Gove me a deck of cards in a wooden box with a duck on top. He was a great cook! He will be missed by many and may God comfort you and your family during these times.

Kim Day - September 22, 2016 at 05:21 PM

CD

“ My sincere condolences to the family. May you find comfort in your loving memories, and in God's promise to soon "swallow up death forever" and "wipe away the tears from all faces." (Isaiah 25:8) With deepest sympathy.

Cheryl D. - September 22, 2016 at 03:15 PM

JW

“ John Baston, Jason Breckon and Natasha Wells purchased the Basket Full of Wishes for the family of Willie Ray Bartley.



John Baston, Jason Breckon and Natasha Wells - September 22, 2016 at 12:30 PM

TR

“ So sorry to hear this. Teresa Ratliff

Teresa Ratliff - September 22, 2016 at 10:47 AM

RS

“ Ron, Mary, and Sara. purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Willie Ray Bartley.



Ron, Mary, and Sara. - September 22, 2016 at 09:45 AM



“ Ray and Allyson &family,

We are so sorry for your loss.

Nancy & Charlie Smith

Nancy Smith - September 22, 2016 at 09:33 AM

RG

“ Thoughts and prayers for the whole family!

Ron Graham - September 22, 2016 at 08:39 AM

AA

“ Jeff and Ray so sorry to hear this. Your daddy was my daddy's best friend, and favorite fishing partner. He was a good man and a good friend. You are in my prayers. Ann Austin

Ann Austin - September 22, 2016 at 08:21 AM

PS

“ *My Daddy's best friend y'all can go fishing again rip Willie Pam Shelton and family*

Pam Shelton - September 21, 2016 at 11:27 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Willie Ray Bartley.*



September 21, 2016 at 10:54 PM