



Marvin Wayne Christian

February 19, 1938 - March 4, 2025

Marvin Wayne Christian, 87, of St. Albans, passed away Tuesday, March 4th, following a sudden illness.

Born on February 19th, 1938, in South Charleston, Marvin was the son of Virgil Christian and Marguerite "Peggy" Bowman Christian.

Marvin graduated South Charleston High School in 1956, and shortly after met and married his wife of nearly 67 years, Linda Wisman Christian, in 1958. Marvin and Linda had two sons, Mark and Derek Christian, whom they raised in St. Albans. Marvin worked for over 40 years at the West Virginia Department of Highways as a cartographer, developing topographical maps.

Marvin was an accomplished banjo player, teaching himself at a young age and continuing to play until his last days. He was a member of multiple bluegrass bands and recorded numerous songs and albums. He played every year at the Vandalia Gathering since its inception, and many other events throughout the tri-state area. Marvin was an avid outdoorsman, enjoying hunting and trout fishing around the state. Marvin had a great love for his family, who were at the center of his long life.

In addition to his parents, Marvin was preceded in death by his son Mark (Jeanie) Christian, and his three sisters, Wanda Christian, Louise (Dick)

Racer, and Selma (Jerry) Walker.

He is survived by his wife Linda; his son, Derek (Angie) Christian; his grandchildren, Kelsey Christian, Bailee Christian, Logan Christian, and Hunter Christian; his step-grandchildren, Gabriel (Heather) King and Hannah King; and his great-grandchildren, Eliahs and Beau. A private service was held on Thursday, March 6th, at Cunningham Memorial Park, where he was laid to rest.

Bartlett-Nichols Funeral Home, family owned and located at 409 Sixth Avenue, is honored to serve the Christian family.

Tribute Wall

TG

“ well this time of year Vandalia , I just know it's a tough time for everyone. ,because this was the time of year to play for all of us ..what we love to do ..Play BLUEGRASS .. but someone is missing ..Marv .our Great Banjo Player .who never refused to play ..always planning to play ..organizing to play ..but we're still feeling the void ..it's tough ..but how he loved his family so close and always there just like that Deering ...lol YOUR MISSED ,BUDDY ...

Tina and Gary - May 20, 2025 at 05:18 PM

KH

“ Ive just learned that Marvin has passed and so sorry for his family. Marvin was a wonderful person who I had the privilege of working with on occasion at the DOH. May he rest in peace.

Kathy Holtsclaw - April 22, 2025 at 01:04 PM

JL

“ Sorry I missed this.
Rest in peace Marvin

Jeffrey Lanham - April 22, 2025 at 11:16 AM

BP

“ So sorry for your loss



Betty Painter - March 11, 2025 at 03:03 PM

JR

“ *Jeri Ray lit a candle in memory of Marvin
Wayne Christian*



Jeri Ray - March 10, 2025 at 08:45 AM