



Roy H. Ferrell

January 31, 1924 - June 11, 2022

Roy H. Ferrell, 98, passed away June 11, 2022, at his home in St. Albans where he lived for 68 years.

He was born on Jan. 31, 1924, in Plus (Rand), WV, the youngest of ten children born to Granville Luther and Ida Ellen Ferrell. Along with his parents, he was preceded in death by brothers, Luther, Ray, Guy, Jack, Mitchell and John Ferrell as well as sisters, Mary Alice Taylor, Mabel Swift, and Virginia Ferrell. He was also preceded in death by his daughters, Nancy Kelly, Karen Tompkins and stepdaughter, Betty Lou Rodgers. He was the widower of Marianne Ferrell who passed away in 1971 and Betty Ferrell who passed away in 2019.

Roy graduated from Dupont High School and started working at the Dupont Plant in Belle, WV. He became part of the Greatest Generation by serving as Staff Sergeant in the US Army Air Forces in the Asiatic Pacific Theater as a remote control turret mechanic gunner on a B-29 Super Fortress.

After serving our country, he returned to work as a machinist and later a welder at Dupont where he worked for 39 years. In his working years he enjoyed hunting, fishing, camping and serving his church where he had been a member since 1954. Roy could fix anything, build most anything, and would jump at the opportunity to help others with any project that needed to be done. He loved his garden and enjoyed planting it, tending it, and sharing its bounty with others.

After retirement, winters were spent in Bonita Springs, FL where he enjoyed golfing, fishing in the Gulf, and building great friendships for over 20 years. During his homebound years, Roy loved to tell jokes to anyone who would listen and never seemed to run out.

He read his Bible every day and he knew it well, as his daily life showed. He was funny, generous, smart, and he loved his family, friends, and caregivers. In his nineties, he started reading the poems of Robert Frost and James Whitcomb Riley and memorized several, the most recent being "In Flanders Field" written by John McCrae. His philosophy of life was, "Every day above ground is a good day."

Roy is survived by daughters, Cindy Stan of Greensboro, NC, and Pam Pearce (Clip) of Hillsborough, NC, 11 grandchildren, 19 great-grandchildren, and 5 great-great-grandchildren as well as many special nieces and nephews.

The family would like to especially thank Telia, Doris, Frank and other caregivers for their tender care as well as Roy's devoted friend, Bud Bird, and other friends and neighbors who visited and helped in many ways.

Funeral services will be held Thursday, June 16, 2022 at 11 a.m. at St. Peter's United Methodist Church, 2601 Forrestal Avenue, St. Albans, WV. Visitation will be one hour before the service. Burial will be directly after the service at the Donel C. Kinnard Memorial State Veteran's Cemetery, Dunbar, WV. As an alternative to flowers, the family suggests that donations be made to St. Peter's United Methodist Church in honor of Roy's faithful service and his love for its members.

You can visit Roy's tribute page at bartlettnicholsfuneralhome.com to share condolences or memories with the family.

Bartlett-Nichols Funeral Home, family owned and located at 409 Sixth Ave., St. Albans, is honored to serve the Ferrell family.

Cemetery Details

Donel C. Kinnard Memorial State Veterans Cemetery

130 Academy Drive
Dunbar, WV 25064

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 16. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Peter's United Methodist Church
2601 Forrestal Ave.
St. Albans, WV 25177

Funeral Service

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Tribute Wall

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“ Roy and I were the last of the historic block neighbors. Since as far back as I can remember Roy was always there when his gifts and talents were needed. My dad and Roy were like brothers and even thought alike. Anytime they were working on something in their garage the other showed up to lend a hand. Once they seen another neighbor coming down the alley after rebuilding a lawnmower in the garage and they placed an extra screw and bolt on the floor beside it and started talking about the extra parts. This led to the neighbor suggesting that they tear it apart and find out where the parts went! They were joking all the time. He always respected me even when I was a snotty nose kid causing trouble in the alley and always taking time to talk and listen. Later in my years he had his fishing equipped bicycle stolen. I then went to work to find him one, but only a piece of junk which he took graciously, thanked me, and smiled. When it came time for me to go trout fishing the first time with friends he gave me the high tech answer I was seeking...use garden worms. He was right, I caught my limit and the rest caught none! In his later years he enjoyed hearing about my hunting and fishing trips and smiling the whole time. He always loved telling jokes and making people laugh and smile! He was a strong Christian figure to look up to while growing up and I'll bet he's telling jokes to St Peter instead of telling us jokes about St Peter. It was an honor and privilege to have known this man.
Richard Friend, neighbor and friend

Richard Friend - June 17, 2022 at 07:35 AM

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“ Who couldn't love Roy? Such a kind and generous soul. May he rest in peace. *Laura and Francis Pastore*

Laura - June 14, 2022 at 01:29 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Roy H. Ferrell.*



June 14, 2022 at 01:27 PM



“ *To the family of Roy, I'm so very sorry for your loss. Roy and my father, Russell Wilson, were life-long friends. When they were young boys they played baseball and attend the same high school together. As they grew older both men worked side by side as machinists at DuPont. My dad thought so much of Roy through the years and always felt that Roy was such a fine man. Also when I was four years Roy gave me my very first dog and we had her for 17 years. As time passed Dad stayed in touch with Roy until his passing in 2018. I just know they're swapping some good stories in heaven today.*

Barbara Wilson-Dobos - June 14, 2022 at 12:11 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Roy H. Ferrell.*



June 13, 2022 at 10:08 PM

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“ *I worked with Roy at DuPont. He was always happy and had a small joke at all times. Truly one of the great people. Sorry to see he has passed. Rest in peace old buddy.*

Ernie Wolfe - June 13, 2022 at 05:36 PM