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And he said to him, “Truly I say to you, today you will be with me in paradise.”

Luke 23:43

Arnold Bryant, a 23 year resident of Bluefield, WV, passed away Sunday, October 20th following a prolonged illness. Born in Iaeger, WV, Arnold grew up and lived most of his 90+ years in McDowell County, WV before retiring to Bluefield where he became a devout member and supporter of the Church of God of Prophecy in Bluefield. In addition he was known for his love and caring of stray animals including multiple dogs, cats and horses, along with helping total strangers that knocked at his door.

Arnold served with honor aboard the U.S. Navy’s USS Salem, (CA139), Flagship for the Commander, U.S. Sixth Fleet homeported in Villefranche-sur-Mer, France in 1956 and 1957. Following his military service, Arnold joined the Merchant Marines manning ore carriers on the Great Lakes for several years. Upon returning home to Iaeger, he was primarily a miner in the tradition of many West Virginia men, but also worked as a mail carrier for the U.S. Postal Service before retiring to Bluefield with Beulah, his wife of 62 years.

Arnold was preceded in death by Beulah, his parents, Ellis and Pearl Bryant, a sister, Dorothy and a brother, Elmo. He is survived by his daughter Donna Brinkel and her husband, Fred along with Douglas McBride, his brother-in-law and cousins Bobby Roberts, Donald Roberts, Roy Roberts, Gene Roberts, Ralph Roberts, and Sharon Hagerman. In addition he has a niece and nephews, Douglas (Buddy) Bowman, Walter (Joe) Bowman, David Billips, James Billips, and Brenda Keene. Also left behind are Rascal, a Chihuahua mix, Trixie, a small mixed breed dog, and two cats, Sugar and Skinny, his loving companions in life.

The family will receive friends at Mercer Funeral Home on Wednesday, November 20, 2024 from 5:00 p.m. until 6:00 p.m. A memorial service will follow at 6:00 p.m. with Pastor Charles Morgan officiating.

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV **20**. 5:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Mercer Funeral Home Chapel
1231 West Cumberland Road
Bluefield, WV 24701

Memorial Service

NOV **20**. 6:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *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 Arnold Bryant, 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, Arnold Bryant, 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 - November 02, 2024 at 08:51 AM