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Resided in Princeton, WV, passed at Princeton Hospital

It is with heavy hearts that we announce the passing of David Martell Hodges, who left us on September 22, 2023 at the age of 73. He was a beloved Son, Brother & Uncle.

David was born on July 9, 1950 in Bluefield, WV to Thomas & Viola Hodges. He grew up in Bluefield, and was a 1968 graduate of Bluefield High School. Notably, he was the first of his family to pursue higher education, enrolling at Bluefield State College after graduation. He was also a lifelong member of Grace United Methodist Church of Bluefield, WV.

David began his career path in 1970 as an employee at WHIS TV serving as a photographer and working in the news department. Several years later, he decided to change careers and began working as Payroll Director at West Virginia Armature in Bluefield. After the plant closed, he moved on to pursue the most rewarding opportunity of his career; working for the West Virginia Job Service. He spent the rest of his professional life working for Workforce WV as office manager; helping hundreds of Southern West Virginians find employment.

David will be fondly remembered for his selflessness & kindness. He had a unique ability to turn ordinary moments into cherished memories through his humor. He was also a wonderful brother to his sisters; always ready to lend a helping hand or a listening ear. His unwavering love & inspiration also made a lasting impact on the lives of his niece & nephews, who he treated as his own. David was there for them at all of the most special moments of their lives from birthdays, to graduations, weddings, and the births of their children.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Thomas & Viola Hodges of Bluefield, WV.

He is survived by his sisters; Anna Mechele Hodges Heatherman of Princeton, Cheri Hodges Brown of Princeton; special nieces and nephews whom he loved as his own, Brian Brown and wife Amanda of Cumming, GA, Lyndsey Mitchem and husband Dwayne of Riner, VA, and Bradley T. Brown of Princeton, WV; great niece, Macy Mitchem of Riner; and great nephews, Leo Brown and Max Brown of Cumming, GA. He is also survived by special cousins that he considered as brothers; Carl "Frosty" Arney & Stanley Ferguson.

A memorial service will be held on Wednesday, September 27 at Mercer Funeral Home. Friends and family are invited to visit with his family beginning at 1PM; Services will begin at 2PM.

Those wishing to share memories or condolence messages may also do so by visiting www.MercerFuneralHome.com

David's presence in our lives will be deeply missed, but his memory will live on in our hearts forever. May he rest in peace.

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP **27**. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

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

Memorial Service

SEP **27**. 2:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *David Martell Hodges*

October 05, 2023 at 06:08 PM



“ *Sheila Odell Stephens lit a candle in memory of David Martell Hodges*



Sheila Odell Stephens - September 26, 2023 at 07:53 PM



“ *This is Irvin “Pud” Odell’s daughter. David was a cherished friend of his before his passing and I’m very sorry to hear of his passing. Sending love*

Audrey Jones - September 26, 2023 at 07:47 PM



“ *This is Virginia Hoge Williams of Belmont, NC. I am from Bluefield and I have known David and Mechele for years. Went to High School with them. I am so sorry to hear of David's passing.. prayers for the family..*



Virginia Hoge Williams - September 26, 2023 at 03:24 PM

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“ *Cheri, Brian, Lyndsey, Bradley and family, I am saddened to read about David. I will remember him as a kind man who always had a smile. Mostly I remember how he loved Brian, Lyndsey and Bradley and how proud he was of them and their accomplishments. I know you will miss him greatly.*

Laura Rush

Laura Rush - September 26, 2023 at 11:56 AM

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“ *I'm so sorry to hear of David's passing. His humor often brought smiles to my face. Prayers of comfort going up for your family at this loss of yet another family member. Prayers Joan Buchanan.*

Joan Buchanan - September 26, 2023 at 11:42 AM