



David Morris Toney

January 3, 1943 - March 2, 2016

Bluefield, WV- David M Toney, age 73, of Bluefield, WV passed away March 2, 2016 at Bluefield Regional Medical Center. Toney was born January 3, 1943 in Maple Fork, WV, the son of the late Cecil and Macie Lilly Toney.

He graduated from Welch High School and Marshall University with a degree in mechanical and electrical engineering. He joined one of NASA's youngest and most innovative teams in 1967 at the Kennedy Space Center in Titusville, Florida. Toney worked as lead propulsion engineer on Apollo 8, 9, 10, 11, 12 and 13. Some of the rocket components that Toney worked on are on display at the Smithsonian. He was vice president of WV Armature and president of MIDA, Inc. He worked in sales for Pemco. Later, he founded Watts Transformer and DMT Enterprises and was CEO of the companies at the time of his death.

Toney was an avid golfer with three holes-in-one at Fincastle Country Club. He also enjoyed playing cards with his family and friends. His favorite activity, however, was spending time with his family.

Toney was preceded by his parents; a brother, Jerry Toney; and a nephew, Mark Toney.

He is survived by his devoted wife of 52 years, Carolyn Williams Toney; daughter, Michelle Toney Altman and her husband, Mac of Galivants Ferry, SC; son, David M. Toney and his wife, Kris of Bluefield, VA; niece, Cynthia Williams of Bluefield, VA; grandchildren, whom he adored: Hayley Altman Kelly and her husband, Wes of Rock Hill, SC; Jay Altman of Conway, SC;

Katie Altman of Hartsville, SC; Max and Jacob Toney of Bluefield, VA; great-granddaughter, Adalynn Toney Kelly; sister, Jeanne Toney Hartzel of Beckley, WV; brother, Charles Toney and his wife Beverly of Bluefield, WV; and nieces and nephews who cherished him, including Joey Nigro, Sarah Stephenson, and Stephanie Wells.

A memorial service will be conducted on Saturday March 5, 2016 at 2:00 p.m. from the Mercer Funeral Home Chapel with Dr. Gary Shepard officiating. The family will receive friends on Saturday from 1:00 p.m. until the service hour. In lieu of flowers, the family is requesting donations be sent to Bluefield Union Mission or Bland Street United Methodist Church in David's name.

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

Mercer Funeral Home & Crematory of Bluefield is serving the family of Mr. David M. Toney.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 5. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

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

Funeral Service

MAR 5. 2:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Mercer Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of David Morris Toney*



Mercer Funeral Home - March 05, 2016 at 11:43 AM



“ *David Morris Toney*

October 05, 2023 at 06:08 PM

DL

“ I had the privilege of working for Mr. Toney at MIDA and New Hope Services back in the early 1980s. Although he was a demanding boss he was a GREAT man to work for. I was the draftsman for both companies. I will never forget the day I walked into MIDA, looking for a job. It was a cold, snowy February day. I walked into the office, he rolled his chair backwards and asked, "can I help you?" I told him, "I'm looking for a job." He asked, "What can you do?" I told him I was a draftsman. He sent me over to the other shop, New Hope Services, to talk to the man over that facility, Charles Watson. Mr. Watson had me do a little drawing, and they hired me. I enjoyed every day I worked there. After about a year, the mines went on strike. I had to be laid off. I would have remained there and worked for Dave as long as I could have. Here is one memory I will share. It was sort of a standing joke. If Dave asked you to do something, he would always ask, "have you ever....? The standing reply was, "no, but I always wanted to." We had a very good customer in Pittsburgh who need a part to be hand delivered, which had to be picked up in Lansing, Michigan. I was home, after work one evening. The phone rang. It was Dave. He asked me, "have you ever been to Detroit?" My answer was, "Nope. But I always wanted to." He said, "Get back here and bring a toothbrush." Off I went to Michigan. I am so sorry for the family for your loss. Although I only knew Him for a year or so, I really did enjoy my time getting to know him and working for him. I thank God I can say I knew David Toney.

David Lambert - January 22, 2020 at 10:21 AM

JW

“ Sorry to hear of Mr. Toney's passing. Praying for your family in this time of sorrow.
Jeff Walker

Jeff Walker - March 11, 2016 at 08:23 AM

FP

“ Carolyn, I am so sorry to hear of the death of David. We always were together when any of the grandchildren had an occasion to celebrate. I love your daughter and grandchildren and will sure miss seeing David. He was always so nice to me. He was a special man. Sorry we could not be there for the service.
Frances Patrick

Frances Patrick - March 04, 2016 at 06:26 PM

EH

“ Carolyn, we are so sorry for the loss of your husband. Please know that Christopher, Katie, and I will be keeping you and your family in our thoughts and prayers during this difficult time in your lives. Love,
The Hinchers

Elaine Hinchler - March 04, 2016 at 06:15 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of David Morris Toney.



March 04, 2016 at 12:34 PM

NJ

“ Carolyn and Family, We are so sorry to hear of the passing of David. May God wrap his comforting arms around you at this time. We will keep you all in our prayers for peace and comfort. We will not be able to attend services due to health reasons but will be thinking and praying for you.
Love, Nick, Evelyn, Jeff, Kathy and Jennifer

Nick Jackson - March 04, 2016 at 12:20 PM

LA

“ So sorry for your loss. Keeping you and your family in my prayers. Cherish your memories. God Bless. Liz Adkins & family.

Liz Adkins - March 04, 2016 at 11:03 AM

KT

“ Keith & Ethel Thacker purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of David Morris Toney.



Keith & Ethel Thacker - March 04, 2016 at 09:56 AM

KT

“ With our deepest sympathy, for the loss of one of the best person we have had the opportunity to know. Our thoughts and prayers are with his family. You will always be remembered by all of those who knew you. Keith & Ethel Thacker



Keith & Ethel Thacker - March 04, 2016 at 08:48 AM

BT

“ My thoughts and prayers are with your family.

Beverly Matusevich Thomas

Beverly Thomas - March 04, 2016 at 08:33 AM

KE

“ *My deepest sympathy for the loss of this great guy, a great friend, excellent to work with & a lot of fun playing golf with or even just having dinner. Many good thoughts & prayers for all of his family & friends. Hopefully they can dwell on many great memories. RIP my friend!*



Kirby Elkins - March 04, 2016 at 01:56 AM

WB

“ *William B. purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of David Morris Toney.*



William B. - March 03, 2016 at 01:24 PM