



George Kish

June 17, 2010

Princeton, WV- George Kish, 92, died Thursday, June 17, at Princeton Community Hospital after a brief illness. He had been a resident of the Glenwood Park Retirement Village since January 2008. He was preceded in death by his wife, Margie, who died Jan. 22, 2009; and two sisters, Margaret K. Coles and Emma E. Woodall. He is survived by two sons, Martin Albert Kish of Lexington, Ky., (Mary) and Timothy George Kish of Christiansburg, Va.; two grandchildren, Neal and Mary Allison Belshoff; nieces, Teeny Linehardt and Mitty Crymes; one nephew, Frank Woodall; and several great nieces and nephews. George was born on Dec. 7, 1917, in Ottawa, WV, to Albert Kish, a coal miner, and Emma K. McGallard. Both were Hungarian immigrants. George and his family moved to Beckley for a short time before finally settling in Bluefield in 1931 when George was 13. Emma and then husband Frank Moore were entrepreneurs and started two businesses, the City Newsstand and Presto Lunch, directly across the street from the busy train station. George worked in the family businesses and later earned a starting lineman position for the Bluefield Beavers football team, where he was selected to the All-Area team. After high school, he enrolled in Greenbrier Military School for a short time, then spent a year at West Virginia University before serving in North Africa as a military policeman. Following his World War II service, he returned to Bluefield and went back to work to help his mother manage the City Newsstand and Presto Lunch, where he met Margie Hager. George and Margie married on Nov. 19, 1950, and the couple moved

to Washington, D.C. where George was hired by U.S. Postal Service. They soon returned to Bluefield where George worked as a mail clerk on the Norfolk & Western railway. By the mid 1960s, the Post Office moved George into the South Bluefield Post Office, where he remained until his retirement in 1978. George and Margie enjoyed traveling to India, China, Europe, nearly all of the 50 states and the Holy Lands. A West Virginia University Mountaineer football fan, George frequently wrote letters to the coaches and attended several games. He was a longstanding member of the Maple View Church of Christ. The family will receive friends at Mercer Funeral Home on Sunday evening June 20, 2010 from 4:00 ?" 5:00 p.m. A graveside service will be held on Monday June 21, 2010 at 10:00 a.m. at Monte Vista Park Cemetery with Minister Tony Reed officiating. Those wishing to attend the service are asked to meet at the cemetery. Those wishing to share memories or condolence messages may do so by visiting www.MercerFuneralHome.com Mercer Funeral Home & Crematory is serving the family of Mr. George Kish.

Tribute Wall



“ George Kish

October 05, 2023 at 06:08 PM



“ Marty & Tim, I was just in Bluefield this past weekend and Billie told me about your Dad passing away. I am so sorry. Our parents were close neighbors and friends for many years. I know that they watched out after Mom for a long time after Dad passed away. My condolences to you both. Donna

Donna Hypes Phillips - March 07, 2014 at 04:21 PM



“ Just read the obit on our dear friend, George. I am so saddened to learn of his repose. Mother has been in Roanoke Hospital since June 11th, and I have been with her, so that's why you haven't heard from us. You know how much we cared for both your parents. May God grant them eternal rest, as they are now together in God's heavenly embrace. Love, Ginny and Alex

Ginny Chryssikos - March 07, 2014 at 04:21 PM



“ Dear Marty and Tim, I am so sorry to hear of your father's death. I was out of town and just got back in late Sunday evening. I have fond memories of both your parents. I last saw your dad at your mother's wake and enjoyed talking to him. When he was still able to get out, I would see him occasionally at the Mall or at Grant's and he always would stop and chat. Please know that we are thinking of you and praying for you. Love and prayers, Patty Mullins

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“ *Tim, I am sorry to hear bout your Father and mother. I recently met someone who attended BHS a couple of years after we did and asked him who his favorite teacher was. Both of us agreed that our favorite was your Mom. She was wonderful.*

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