



## Pete Pelts

February 11, 1924 - October 11, 2012

Bluefield, WV- Pete Pelts, 88 of Bluefield, WV died following a brief illness on October 11, 2012. Born February 11, 1924, in Elkhorn, WV, he was the son of European immigrants Joseph and Anna Galida Peltz. A 1942 graduate of Elkhorn High School, he joined the US Army and received his basic training at Camp McCain, Mississippi. He then proceeded to serve his country during World War II in North Africa, Sicily, Italy, and France, as Private First Class. In 1947, he started out in the loading dock at Bluefield Supply Company. Five years later he had worked his way up to the sales department. For the next 30 years, he travelled the roads of the two Virginias providing faithful and loyal service to his many customers. He was awarded the Top Salesman Award in 1965 from the Sales Executive Club, as well as being honored as a member of the Million Dollar Sales Club. Pete enjoyed representing Bluefield Supply in their recreational basketball and bowling teams. After 36 years of service to Bluefield Supply Company in 1983, Pete he continued to serve the A-Mart stores in the local area for several years. Known as a man devoted to his family, kind, self-sacrificing, generous, and humble, Pete was also a faithful member of Trinity United Methodist Church, and a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars. His stories and anecdotes were the highlights of many family reunions and get-togethers, bringing laughter and smiles and a renewed knowledge of sacrifice, commitment, and determination. The Pelts family has been blessed to be a part of a special neighborhood in Bluefield for the past 56 years. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his brothers,

Andy, Mike, and Nick, all of whom served their country in World War II. Surviving are his sisters, Annie Lenosky of Woodland, Michigan, Emma Lavin, Bluefield, WV, Julia Holstein, Greenville, SC, and Mary 'Toots' Coburn, Charleston, WV, and many nieces and nephews. Pete was a faithful and devoted husband for 52 years to his wife Ila Mae Pelts, who preceded him in death in 1999. Celebrating Pete's memory are his children, Mary Ann McElmurray, husband, Dr. Charles T. McElmurray, of Blythewood, SC; John Pelts and wife, Sue, of Bluefield, VA; and Wayne Pelts, and wife, Beverly, of Bluefield, WV. "Pop Pop" Pelts was especially proud of his ten grandchildren: Sarah, Benjamin, Anna, Mary, and Ruth McElmurray, all of Blythewood, SC; Sydney Pelts, Bluefield, VA; Jonathan Pelts, and his wife, Olivia, Nairobi, Kenya, Bethany Pelts, Lookout Mountain, GA, David and Daniel Pelts, Bluefield, WV. Funeral services will be held Sunday, October 14 at 2:00, with Rev. Susan Rector officiating. Visitation will be one hour prior to the service from 1:00 to 2:00 at Mercer Funeral Home, Bluefield, WV. Honorary pallbearers include long-time co-workers and neighbors, Joe Graham, Harry Gray, Howard Hale, Jimmy Hill, Ollie Law, W. Taylor Moore, Bob Mustard, E.G. Royal. Pallbearers include : Dr. Charles T. McElmurray, Josh Anderson, Pat Haye, Brian Krabbe, Peter Romano, and Rick Taylor. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorial contributions to Bible In The Schools, P.O. Box 543, Bluefield, WV, or Trinity United Methodist Church, 401 College Ave., Bluefield, WV. Those wishing to share memories or condolence messages with the family of Mr. Pete Pelts may do so by visiting [www.MercerFuneralHome.com](http://www.MercerFuneralHome.com) Mercer Funeral Home and Crematory is serving the family.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Pete Pelts*

October 05, 2023 at 06:08 PM



“ *A special individual. Our prayers are with you all.*

**Charles and Sharon Miller** - March 07, 2014 at 04:20 PM



“ *I am so sorry for your loss. Please know that you are not alone for the Bible tells us that “God is near to those that are broken at heart; And those who are crushed in spirit he saves “(Psalms 34:18). Take heart in the Scriptures for comfort. Please accept my sincere sympathy.*

**S Ford** - March 07, 2014 at 04:20 PM



“ *Wayne & family, our sincere prayers are with each of you during your time of loss. May God's Holy Spirit continue to comfort and sustain you. Love & prayers, gloria,michelle and family.*

**gloriajohnson** - March 07, 2014 at 04:20 PM



“ *Wayne & Family, I am sad to hear of Mr. Pelts death. May the peace of God be with you.*

**Audrey Wisdom Keys** - March 07, 2014 at 04:20 PM

JB

“ My heart goes out to the family. Although I only met Mr Pelts the last few weeks he will always have a place in my heart. What a wonderful man with such a loving and supportive family. I feel honored to have met him. My thoughts and prayers are with you all.

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**Jennifer Peloubet, RN BRMC** - March 07, 2014 at 04:20 PM

DF

“ Mary Ann, John and Wayne.... We are very sorry to see that your dad has passed away; however, we know from God's word that to be absent from the body is to be present with the Lord! Please accept our condolences as we will be unable to attend the visitation or funeral (I, Derrick, have what's beginning to look more and more like a pinched nerve in my lower back which has affected my ability to get around without experiencing a good bit of pain and weakness). Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your families in this time of loss. We love you.

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**Derrick & Linda Felts** - March 07, 2014 at 04:20 PM

LD

“ Your word has been my comfort and a refuge when I'm weak  
Expressing feelings dear to me in words I can not speak Please  
build in me the faith and trust that your word does impart And help  
me always know your love is greater than my heart Psalm 4:1  
Psalm 42:6 Psalm 119:28

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**Lorraine Denson** - March 07, 2014 at 04:20 PM

CN

“Pete was always a cut or two above everyone else, We remember him as polite, well mannered, respectful and curteous. He was an outstanding student @ EHS. Nancy and I offer our sympathy to the family at this time of sorrow. We're sure that Pete will be long remembered in the hearts of many.

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**Charles and Nancy Nowlin** - March 07, 2014 at 04:20 PM

TE

“mr. pelts, i am sorry to hear of your father's passing. i hope God comforts you and your family at ths time. God is good and full of mercy and grace. lean on him and please know that my family and I are thinking of you and your family. God bless you and all of you will remain in our prayers. Warmly in Christ, family and friends at Estep Tire.

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**thomas estep** - March 07, 2014 at 04:20 PM

LS

“It was an honor to be a neighbor to the Pelts family. Mr. Pelts will be missed by all that knew and loved him. My sincere sympathy to his wonderful children and extended family. Thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time.

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**Linda McLaughlin Scarborough** - March 07, 2014 at 04:20 PM

JW

“As so accurately described, Pete was the humble, faithful and loyal gentleman to us for many, many years at Virginia Hardware in Princeton.

*Sincerely-John and Alec, co-owners and sole survivors*

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**John, Kathy, and Alec Winkler** - March 07, 2014 at 04:20 PM

WM

“ *Heaven became richer with his homegoing. May our Lord give you comfort during this time.*

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**Woodrow and Jean Miles** - March 07, 2014 at 04:20 PM

JW

“ *It is with regrets that we read about the death of Pete. Pete and Don worked together for many years when he served the A-Mart stores . He was always a great friend and was always there when he needed him. He will be greatly missed.*

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**Jean and Don Walk** - March 07, 2014 at 04:20 PM