



## Preston Wayne Hartley

January 6, 1944 - April 18, 2015

Bluefield, WV- Preston Wayne Hartley, 71, of Bluefield, WV, died Saturday April 18, 2015 at his home.

Born January 6, 1944 in Bluefield, WV, he was a son of the late Henry Hartley and Bertha Mathena Hartley. Mr. Hartley was a veteran of the U.S. Air Force and retired from Southern Highlands Health Center. He was an active member of First Christian Church in Bluefield where he was involved in many activities. He was a member of the choir and was an Elder. Mr. Hartley was active with the Boy Scouts of America for over 50 years. He was Scout Master of Troop #14, and in his tenure, he advanced 49 Eagle Scouts. He was the recipient of a number of prestigious awards, including the Silver Beaver Award. He was also Vigil in the Order of The Arrow.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by four brothers and one sister.

Survivors include his wife, Patricia Ann Hartley; one daughter, Toni Roeller and husband Paul of Pittsburgh, PA; one son, Wayne W. Hartley of Bluefield, WV; one sister, Martha Eudine Froy of Bluefield, WV; one grandson, Franklin Wayne Hartley of Bastian, VA; and several nieces and nephews.

A memorial service will be held on Wednesday April 22, 2015 at 11:00 a.m. at First Christian Church in Bluefield with Pastor Doug McDaniel officiating.

The family will receive friends on Wednesday at the church from 10:00 a.m. until the service hour.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions, if desired, may be made to First

Christian Church, 2200 Bland Road, Bluefield, WV 24701.

Those wishing to share memories or condolence messages with the family may do so by visiting [www.MercerFuneralHome.com](http://www.MercerFuneralHome.com) Mercer Funeral Home & Crematory is serving the family of Preston Wayne Hartley.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

APR **22**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

First Christian Church  
2200 Bland Road  
Bluefield, WV 24701

## Memorial Service

APR **22**. 11:00 AM (ET)

First Christian Church  
2200 Bland Road  
Bluefield, WV 24701

# Tribute Wall



“ *Preston Wayne Hartley*

---

October 05, 2023 at 06:08 PM



“ *I'm a little late. And I was just looking back at his obituary today. I just want to say, he was the best grandfather anyone could've ever asked for. I can recount multiple experiences where he's helped me learn what to do and how to tie knots in various survival situations. He truly was one of the greatest people (in my opinion), that ever lived. I will forever miss him. But it gives me peace of mind that I will see him again someday in heaven.*

---

**Franklin Hartley** - July 02, 2016 at 05:15 PM



“ *I am Frank Skeen and my son Austin Skeen was, as I am, honored to have Mr. Hartley as Scout leader. I never met Mr. Hartley but my son and wife Lisa spoke highly of him, and I know as a father and Christian that my boy Austin was blessed to have a person as Mr. Hartley who gave of himself so much to see that young boys had leadership in their lives, and that they had a man such as he that cared to bring out the best in young people. He will be dearly missed, and I also would like to thank Mr. Harleys wife and family for the time they also have given up so that this wonderful man could spread the wonders that his heart was full of. We pray for the entire family and joy in the knowledge that God has a wonderful plan and Preston Hartley is part of that plan and now enjoying the fruits of his heart with our lord.  
Frank H Skeen, a grateful father.*

---

**FRANK SKEEN** - May 24, 2015 at 01:33 AM

PB

“ Wayne was a true gentleman, and wonderful advisor and mentor in scouting. You have my condolences on his passing. Wayne will be missed by everyone he came in contact with.

*Phillip Ball*

---

**Phillip Ball** - April 23, 2015 at 12:34 PM

WE

“ Wayne was a dedicated and truly selfless individual. He gave freely of his time and talents to help hundreds of young men who pursued scouting. Those of us who worked with him in Troop #14 will miss him greatly. The community has lost a wonderful servant. My thoughts and prayers are with Pat and the family. If I can help in any way, please let me know. God bless you all.

*Wayne Evans*

---

**Wayne Evans** - April 22, 2015 at 02:27 PM

RM

“ Having entered Graham Junior High School with Wayne in the fall of 1956, we became buds and grew quite close in that year. We were both scouts and mischievous. We were together in the inaugural trip to Williamsburg and set the standard which required greater restrictions on student freedom!

*I moved away in the fall of '57 and did not reunite with Wayne until 2098 when Lois and I transferred our membership from Graham Christian to First Christian. We reconnected in the choir and as elders. It was a blessing to reunite and I delighted in reminding him that he was the elder of the two of us by one month.*

*As a scout, I loved Camp Roland and when I came to First Christian I realized Wayne was still involved in scouting and regularly visiting Camp Roland. Wayne was a blessing to so many in his various activities, but the number of beneficiaries of his gifts and compassion will only be found in the Book of Life.*

*I will miss Wayne. He always called me Wayne.  
Roger 'Wayne' Mullins*

---

**Roger Mullins** - April 22, 2015 at 01:22 PM

NM

“ Wayne changed my life and and the lives of many others. He was truly a great man. I'll never forget the memories of our time together in the BSA. We were all so fortunate to be able to know him. Truly a great, great man.

---

**Nick Mosko** - April 22, 2015 at 12:30 PM

CC

“ Pat sending prayers for you and your family. with you in thought.

---

**Carol Cain** - April 22, 2015 at 11:43 AM

GI

“ Our deepest condolences to the whole family. Wayne was such a special man and Pat is a very special lady. Best wishes to all. I'm so glad that I knew Wayne..... I learned a lot from him. George "Hooger" Fisher III, Bluefield, Va.

---

**George Fisher III** - April 22, 2015 at 05:00 AM



“ I am so sorry to hear about Wayne. He was a great Scout master and he really helped guide not only me but several others along life's journey. He will be greatly missed. I am truly thankful for all his help.

*Jason Evans*

---

**Jason Evans** - April 21, 2015 at 10:14 PM

CF

“ Pat and family: We are so sorry to learn of Wayne's passing. Wayne was such a unique and exceptional person. He inspired, motivated and mentored so many. Cody, Ray and I appreciated so much his time and effort that he put into helping Cody attain the rank of Eagle. please know that our sincere sympathy and prayers go out to you, not only today, but in the days to come. if we can help with anything, or if you need anything, please know we are here for you.

---

**Cody, Ray and Charlotte Farris** - April 21, 2015 at 09:27 PM

BH

“ Wayne has moved on to the Great Scout Camp in the Sky.... I can hear him singing as he walks thru the camp now.

---

**Bill Haver** - April 21, 2015 at 07:22 PM

JP

“ *Share a memory of Preston Wayne Hartley or send condolences to the family.*

Jane Pfau - April 21, 2015 at 01:13 PM

JP

*Toni, it's Jane from The Closet/Maurices. I'm so very sorry to hear of the loss of your father. Knowing & working with you when you were a young woman gives me an idea of what an exceptional father he must have been. I lost my dad in January so I have a good idea what you're going through. I pray the Lord will hold your family close giving you comfort and His perfect peace. Love & prayers, Jane*

Jane Pfau - April 21, 2015 at 01:24 PM

SA

“ *I worked with Wayne for several years at Southern Highlands. Besides a coworker, I considered him a friend. Condolences to Pat and his children.*

Steven Agee - April 21, 2015 at 11:50 AM



“ *Splendid Orchids was purchased for the family of Preston Wayne Hartley.*



April 21, 2015 at 10:16 AM

KS

“ *Wayne - I am so grateful that you were one of my Scoutmasters. The knowledge and skills (both technical and in life) have been invaluable and in part are responsible for saving my own life. Thank you for all of your time and patience with Boy Scout Troop 14.*

K. Tyler Sterne - April 21, 2015 at 05:17 AM

AW

“ Wayne - you will forever be missed. Thanks for all you shared with me through scouting. Thanks to your family for sharing your time with the Boy Scouts of Troop 14.

Abram Woodward - April 20, 2015 at 07:57 PM

CB

“ Wayne will be missed. I am appreciative of my time spent as a scout for several years with Troop 14. Clay Bowen

clay bowen - April 20, 2015 at 07:12 PM

KB

“ I will remember him always smiling and that unique laugh! Prayers for everyone

kay hartley boothe - April 20, 2015 at 06:08 PM

DG

“ My prayers are with Pat and the family. I have known Wayne since childhood and am so sorry he was not able to beat this ugly disease. He will be missed.

David Gwyer - April 20, 2015 at 07:17 AM



“ Wayne was a ver good friend. His smile was always real. Scouting is better for his involvement and will sorely miss his presence.

Bill Kell - April 19, 2015 at 08:20 PM

OA

“ *I am very sorry to hear of Wayne's passing. He dedicated his life to helping young boys become honorable young men through scouting. Scouting has lost a truly dedicated volunteer and we have lost a good friend and mentor. RIP. My prayers go to his family.*

---

**Omar Aboulhosn** - April 19, 2015 at 06:15 PM