



Blonda Ray Dawson

June 30, 1934 - April 12, 2024

Blonda Ray Dawson, age 89, of Buckhannon, passed away peacefully April 12, 2024, surrounded by his family and loving wife of nearly 67 years. He was born on June 30, 1934, a son of the late Samuel Wires Dawson and Emma Florence Tenney Dawson. On July 6, 1957, he was united in marriage to his loving wife Hilda Hardman Dawson, who survives. Also surviving are one daughter Marcella Susan Roth and husband Neil of Buckhannon; two sons: Steven Ray Dawson and wife Angie of Moorefield, and Bruce Lee Dawson and wife Kathy of Buckhannon; six grandchildren; and six great grandchildren. In addition to his parents, he was also preceded in death by one daughter, two grandsons, one brother, and one sister.

Blonda was a US Army veteran who served in Anchorage, Alaska. He then worked 28 years as a linotype press operator at the Record Delta Newspaper. In 1983, he graduated from the 49th Basic Police Officers Training Class at the West Virginia State Police Academy and then worked for the Upshur County Sheriff's Departments for many years. He later ran his own private investigators business before retiring. Blonda was a lifelong member of the Sand Run Baptist Church and a member of the American Legion. He enjoyed hunting, fishing, cowboy action shooting, playing music, and singing.

Special thanks are extended by the family to Mountain Hospice.

A joint memorial service celebrating their lives, 67-year marriage, and faith will be held Saturday April 18, 2026, at 2:00 PM at Sand Run Baptist Church, Pastor Greg Miller officiating. Special thanks to Mountain Hospice and St. Joseph's Hospital staff.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

APR 18. 2:00 PM (ET)

Sand Run Baptist Church
2296 Vegan Rd
Buckhannon, WV 26201

Tribute Wall

LM

“ Hilda, Steve and family, sorry to hear of Blonda's passing, he was a good man that accomplished alot during his life, and gave 100% to everything he did, may his memory forever remain in your hearts, peace and understanding to each of you, God Bless

Larry & Kathy Marsh - April 15, 2024 at 08:41 PM

VR

Hilda I'm so sorry for your loss and I am praying for you and you're family love you dear friend God Bless.

Vencil Riley - April 15, 2024 at 11:31 PM

ME

“ Hilda and family So sorry!!!

Martha Edgell - April 15, 2024 at 09:44 AM

RH

“ Rodney &Lillian Hardman & Marie Hardman purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Blonda Ray Dawson.



Rodney &Lillian Hardman & Marie Hardman - April 14, 2024 at 04:25 PM

SM

“ Our sympathy, Rob and Sandi Miller

sandra miller - April 13, 2024 at 09:29 PM

GH

“ Heaven has gained another warrior! Uncle Blonda's battle has been won!!

Gary Lynn Hardman - April 13, 2024 at 08:07 PM

TH

“ Aunt Hilda. I am so sorry for Uncle Blonda. Remember when we got to see each other in Anchorage. Good memories

Teresa Hardman - April 13, 2024 at 03:55 PM

BH

“ *Someone so special can never be forgotten.*

Bob & Eileen Hardman - April 13, 2024 at 08:44 AM

BR

“ *I'm so very sorry for your family's loss. Peace and comfort to all who knew and loved him.*

Beth Rogers - April 13, 2024 at 08:18 AM

BJ

“ *Hilda and family, we're so sorry to hear of your loss. Thinking of you in these difficult times.*

Butch Jack - April 12, 2024 at 09:14 PM

SP

“ *So sorry to hear of the loss of Blonda, Wishing you and the family peace during this difficult time and the days ahead , My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.*

Shawna Pignanelli - April 12, 2024 at 06:30 PM

JF

“ *Prayers for His family, worked with him at the Delta*

Joe Mckisic and family - April 12, 2024 at 06:06 PM

GO

“ *So very sorry to hear of Blonda's passing. I always enjoyed talking to him. He was one of the good ones.*

Gwenda Oates - April 12, 2024 at 05:58 PM

SP

“ *I am so very sorry to hear that Blonda has passed away, I know he has been having a tough time for several years! Sending my love and prayers for Hilda and the family! May God bless and be with you thru this difficult time!* ❤️🙏❤️

Sherry Powers - April 12, 2024 at 05:25 PM

EH

“ *Such a great man. He will be missed. Always had a hug. For me*

Ed and Bonnie Hardman - April 12, 2024 at 05:09 PM

MD

“ Loved My Uncle’s laugh. 😞❤️🙏🙏

Mary Dean - April 12, 2024 at 05:04 PM

BC

“ Hilda and Family, I am so sorry for your loss. Prayers for all of you

Barb Chewning - April 12, 2024 at 04:35 PM