



Chester Eric "Chet" Wentz

December 2, 1942 - March 21, 2018

Chester Eric "Chet" Wentz, age 75, formerly of Buckhannon, died Wednesday, March 21, 2018, at the West Virginia Veteran's Nursing Care Facility in Clarksburg. He was born on December 2, 1942, at Ellamore, a son of the late Harold Burton and Thelma Jane Loudin Wentz. In addition to his parents, he was also preceded in death by one son Derek Wentz, one grandson Derek William Wentz, and one brother Randall Wentz. He is survived by two sons: Daniel Wentz and wife Amy of Buckhannon and David Wentz and wife Miranda of Eagle River, Alaska; four grandchildren: Ashton, Kasey, Nora, and Waylon; one sister Niska and husband Roger Wilfong of Rock Cave; and two brothers: Gary Wentz and wife Gayleen of Clarksburg and Paul Wentz and wife Sandy of Chambersburg, PA.

Chet was an avid outdoorsman who enjoyed hunting and fishing, a dedicated ornithologist—a true lover of birds, and spent years passing on his knowledge of birds and the outdoors to countless young men in Boy Scouts. He was a veteran of the U.S. Air Force and during his time in the service was responsible for testing space equipment for NASA astronauts, including John Glenn. He was formerly employed by Moore's Business Forms, Ingersoll-Rand, and the DNR, but spent most of his working life as a self-employed contractor and handyman, where he was able to realize his talents as a builder and tinkerer.

At the request of the deceased, his body was cremated. A gathering of family and friends will be held on Saturday, March 24, 2018, from 2-4:00 PM, at the

Heavner and Cutright Funeral Chapel. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made for the care and protection of birds to the National Audubon Society at 225 Varick St, 7th Fl., New York, NY 10014.

Previous Events

Gathering of Friends and Family

MAR **24**. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Heavner & Cutright Funeral Chapel and Cremation Services

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Tribute Wall

PA

“ Chester was a "dad" to me. He was always there to help one way or another and always spoke with kindness. Very rarely did I hear a cuss word from him. I loved spending time with him and learning about him and all his wisdom. He's made an impact in my life and I will always be grateful and love the man I called "Dad". Rest In Peace 

My condolences to Daniel and the family

Patty - March 30, 2018 at 12:21 PM

MA

“ Sorry to hear of Chester,s passing. Had many fond memories growing up with him. The farm, Niska, Paul, Shortie and Harold. So many has passed all we have now is memories,

Mack - March 26, 2018 at 11:30 AM

GM

“ Was an honor of caring for Chet. Lots of laughs and jokes .. loved to pick on me bout how he would pray for rain . I spent lots of eves with chet. Was an amazing man. Thank you sir for every thing. Thank you to the family for giving us the opportunity to care for a great man... Gena 3to11 health service worker at va

Gena Miller - March 24, 2018 at 02:58 PM

BK

“ Sorry to hear of Chester's passing. I remember our talks we used to have at Walmart where I work. My husband also shared some good times with Chester. He will be missed. Prayers for the family. Barb and Carroll Kerns

Barb Kerns - March 23, 2018 at 09:13 PM

PH

“ So sorry to hear of Chet’s passing. My sympathies to his family and especially to Niska and Roger.

Patricia Shaw Hinkle - March 23, 2018 at 03:01 PM



“ 49 files added to the album Life Tributes



Heavner & Cutright Funeral Chapel and Cremation Services - March 23, 2018 at 10:55 AM

SV

“ Our thoughts are with you in this time of sorrow. Moore Retiree Group

Susan Taylor Vance - March 23, 2018 at 09:21 AM

SH

“ Love and prayers for his family.

Sharon - March 23, 2018 at 06:53 AM

SH

“ Chester was a nice guy. Always enjoyed talking to him. He will be missed.

Sharon - March 23, 2018 at 06:53 AM

NL

“ *Chet was a good neighbor and friend. We will miss him. We send our thoughts and prayers to all his family.*

Naomi & Mark Lynch - March 23, 2018 at 12:23 AM

JS

“ *To all who loved Chester, our sympathies. I met Chester when he worked with my husband, Ted. Over the years, I would see him around town and enjoyed our conversations. Always the same friendly smile and genuine kindness. He will be missed.*

Janet and Ted Stump

Janet Kay Stump - March 22, 2018 at 03:47 PM