



## Dennis Crites Jr.

August 17, 1933 - May 14, 2019

Dennis Crites, Jr., age 85, of Buckhannon, died Tuesday, May 14, 2019, at the J.W. Ruby Memorial Hospital in Morgantown. He was born August 17, 1933, in Adrian, WV, a son of the late Dennis Samuel and Opal Haymond Crites. On April 7, 1955, he was united in marriage to Joyce Louise Cutright Crites, who preceded him in death on January 11, 2004. He is survived by one daughter Kelley and husband Dale Currence of Buckhannon; two sons: Kevin R. Crites and wife Veronica and Roger Kirk Crites and wife Kathy, both of Buckhannon; four grandchildren: Jeremy Crites and wife Amy, Jenna and husband Jason Kelley, Joshua Zickefoose, and Madison Currence; three great grandchildren: Lucy and Lillian Kelley and Payton Zickefoose, and another on the way in November; one sister Betty Jean Allman; and several nieces and nephews. Dennis was employed by Equitable Life Insurance for 38 years. He was a veteran of the U.S. Marine Corps, having served during the Korean War, and was a lifetime member of the VFW and American Legion and assisted the Honor Guard with many military funeral services. He was a member of the Sand Run Baptist Church, the Kesling Mill Lions Club, the Buckhannon Moose Lodge, and was an active recruit for Boys State. Those who knew Dennis will fondly remember him as an avid fan of the Pittsburgh Pirates and WVU Mountaineers. He was a wonderful husband, father, and grandfather, and will be dearly missed by his family, friends, and community.

The family will receive friends on Thursday, May 16, 2019, from 4-7:00 PM, at the Heavner and Cutright Funeral Chapel. The funeral will be held on Friday,

May 17, 2019, at 11:00 AM, at the funeral chapel, with Rev. Donald Butcher officiating. Interment will follow in the Heavner Cemetery, where the Upshur County Honor Guard will conduct military honors.

# Cemetery Details

## Heavner Cemetery

505 Hall Road  
Buckhannon, WV 26201  
(304) 472-1651

# Previous Events

## Visitation

**MAY 16.** 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Heavner & Cutright Funeral Chapel and Cremation Services  
940 Route 20 South Road  
Buckhannon, WV 26201  
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## Funeral Service

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# Tribute Wall

MC

“ Kevin and Family. Mark and I felt sorrow with your Dad's passing. We reminisced about his always kind , pleasant nature. Charles greatly appreciated and respected him also. I will think of you often.

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**Margaret Campbell** - June 05, 2019 at 10:52 AM

SF

“ To all the Crites family  
I did not know Dennis had passed. I am so sorry for your loss. I will never forget my neighborhood either. I raised my son there and seems .his se were all family there. I was over at Dennis house many times and alot over at his l'm and dad's. He will surely be missed. He was a ,hand and gentle man. So sorry. Sharon McQuain Fawley and Ron Fawley

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**Sharon Fawley** - May 20, 2019 at 07:35 PM

TW

“ I was out of town working and had just gotten home when I learned of your dad's passing. You all have our prayers and thoughts. It's hard to imagine Vicksburg without your dad !! Small as it was .. once again it has become even smaller. I don't know if those of us who have returned to the "ol' neighborhood" can fill their shoes? They made it the best neighborhood anyone could've ever wanted to grow up in !! The kind of place they make movies about. I will forever see your dad and mom when I look towards the river. And, I'll feel warmth in my heart.  
Prayers & Thoughts ..  
Tom Wimer & Micki Sovay

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**Tom Wimer** - May 18, 2019 at 12:57 PM

BA

“ To all of The Crites Family, Dave and I were so sorry to hear of Dennis's passing. His friendly personality will never be forgotten by those who knew him. We love all his family and will be sending prayers to all of you. Dave and Bonnie Alkire

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**Bonnie Alkire** - May 17, 2019 at 09:57 AM

CC

“ I was very sorry to hear of Dennis' passing. He was a wonderful man. I always enjoyed talking to him when I worked for Dr. Flesher and the times I would meet Him out and about. He a very gentle and caring person and will be greatly missed. You all have my deepest sympathy. Connie Dugas-Crosby.

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**Connie Dugas- Crosby** - May 16, 2019 at 01:47 PM

JH

“ Kevin and others, I am sorry to hear of the loss of Dennis. I always enjoyed talking with him. I think we first met when I started working at Perce Ross' back in the summer of 1970. He always found time to talk for a few minutes. He will be greatly missed. I sorry that I am out of town this week, but your family will be in my thoughts and prayers. 🙏🙏 - John and Penny

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**John Haymond** - May 16, 2019 at 07:16 AM

DS

“ Kelly and family, so sorry on the loss of your father. Our prayers and thoughts are with you. Paul and Debbie Samargo

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**Debra Samargo** - May 15, 2019 at 05:16 PM

RM

“ To Dennis Crites family: We are so sorry to hear about loss of Dennis. We have fond memories of many Equitable conventions we attended with Dennis & Joyce. He was a good man and had a wonderful successful life. Sorry we are not able to attend the services as we have prior commitments. Ralph & Barbara Mayers

Ralph Mayers - May 15, 2019 at 04:02 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Dennis Crites Jr..



May 15, 2019 at 02:41 PM

WO

“ Dennis was my hero greatly missed my condolences to the family

Warrick Osburn - May 15, 2019 at 02:40 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Dennis Crites Jr..



May 15, 2019 at 01:56 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Dennis Crites Jr..*



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May 15, 2019 at 12:50 PM



“ *Dennis and Joyce were two of my favorite people. I worked with Joyce in the Kroger deli for years. I can still remember some of her common sayings and great times we had on some outings. Denise was such a helpful man with a good sense of humor and always ready to talk. He missed the love of his life. I'm sure theirs a celebration going on in heaven right now.*

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**Sandra Ireland** - May 15, 2019 at 10:47 AM



*Lots of fond memories of Dennis and Joyce from over the years. Mom really enjoyed visiting with them in the swing at the house.*

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**Jackie Fultz** - May 15, 2019 at 07:02 PM



“ *Kelly and family, Dennis will be missed greatly. My family and I have many fond memories of this loving and kind man. Many condolences.*

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**Nikki Fultz** - May 15, 2019 at 09:09 AM



“ *Simply Chic Mixed Plant Basket was purchased for the family of Dennis Crites Jr..*



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May 15, 2019 at 08:27 AM



“ *Dennis worked with my father, Frank Foster, for many years with the Equitable Life Insurance company. Dad was always impressed with his professionalism and energy. They are a breed of men whom we sorely miss. My heartfelt condolences. Steve Foster*

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**steve foster** - May 14, 2019 at 08:57 PM



“ *Kelly and Family, Dennis has been a good neighbor and a great friend, I will surely miss him. We had good times talking about the Mountaineers, the Steelers and the Pirates. Dennis told me many times if I need help or anything be sure to let him know. The American Legion and the V F W will miss him greatly but The Honor Guard will be there to say good by!*

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**Carroll Westfall** - May 14, 2019 at 08:38 PM



*Kevin and family, so sorry to learn of your dad's passing. Our prayers and thoughts are with you. Will be out of town or would be there for you. Love and prayers. Debbie and Randy*

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**Debbie** - May 15, 2019 at 03:04 PM