



## William J. "Bill" Stankus

September 6, 1932 - December 6, 2021

William (Bill) J. Stankus, a resident of Tennerton, West Virginia passed away peacefully at home on Monday, December 6, 2021. He was born September 6, 1932, in Thomas, West Virginia, the son of the late Anthony and Edith Newmeyer Stankus.

He was married to Jeraldine VansCoy Stankus, who survives in Tennerton. They would have celebrated their 66th wedding anniversary on December 30th.

Surviving are three sons. John and wife Theresa, their son Jonathan and greatgrandchildren Josie and Langston, son Joe and wife Mary Ann, their daughters Dr. Danielle and husband Michael Ware and Ann Marie, and son Steven, and wife Dr. Sara Lewis-Stankus, and their children, Hannah, Leah, and Isaac. He is survived by one sister, Alice Marie McGee of Lansdale, Pennsylvania.

Preceding him in death were four brothers, Pete, Jack, Lawrence and Anthony, Jr. Stankus and three sisters, Mary Williams, Pauline Zirkle and Susan Rinehart.

Bill was a retired coal miner with forty-three years of underground mining experience. His experience ranged from handloading in 30-inch coal at the Cassity Mine to Assistant Superintendent with Bethlehem Mines 108. He was a proud military veteran who served with the 187th Airborne including tours in Korea. He also served with the Elkins Army National Guard for 26 years, achieving the rank of 1st Sgt. He was an active member of the Holy Rosary Catholic Church and was proud to serve with his fellow members in the Tennerton Lions Club and the Elkins American Legion.

He enjoyed turkey-deer hunting and frog gigging with his friends and family. He spent his life serving others and willingly gave his time in helping them with their building and mechanical needs. His ability to diagnose and fix issues amazed all who knew him.

His wishes were to be cremated with no burial services. A memorial service and celebration of his life will be held at the Buckhannon Holy Rosary Catholic Church on

Saturday, December 11, 2021, from 11 am – 1 pm.

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

DEC 11. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Holy Rosary Catholic Church  
35 Franklin Street  
Buckhannon, WV 26201

# Tribute Wall

SS

“ *Shauna Sayres-Farr lit a candle in memory of William J. "Bill" Stankus*



Shauna Sayres-Farr - February 28, 2022 at 10:52 AM

SS

*I was very sorry to hear of your loss. My thoughts are with you.  
Rev 21:5  
He who is seated on the throne said, "I am making everything new!" Then he said,  
"Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true."  
Soon, very soon, Just around the corner.  
Much Love,  
Shauna*

Shauna Sayres-Farr - February 28, 2022 at 11:00 AM

KS

“ *Jerry, John, Joe, Steve and family, sending our love and prayers to you all. Bill was an amazing man who raised three other amazing men. Take care of your momma. Love you, Karen, Dave, Emma and Trey Shirlin*

Karen Betler Shirlin - December 11, 2021 at 10:42 AM

TT

“ *Mrs Stankus & Family ~Our thoughts & prayers are with you all. Mr Stankus was a friendly, helpful neighbor to all. Always smiled & waved as we passed by the house. He will sadly be missed.  
Teresa & Jerry Teter*

Teresa & Jerry Teter - December 10, 2021 at 06:44 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of William J. "Bill" Stankus.*



December 10, 2021 at 04:43 PM



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December 09, 2021 at 03:06 PM

RA

“ *Jerry and family,  
We were saddened to learn of Bill's passing. Roger and Bill were in the Tennerton Lions Club for many years and often worked together at various functions. He was a very nice man and will be missed by many. Please know all of you will be in our prayers as you continue life without him. May the Lord comfort you in the days ahead.*

*Roger and Libby Abel*



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**Roger Abel** - December 08, 2021 at 08:19 PM

MF

“ *From Mike Freed, wife Barb and Family. Bill was a very nice man, with lots of knowledge and willingness to help others in any and all. He will be missed. My prayers go out to all the family.*

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**Mike n Barb Freed** - December 08, 2021 at 05:43 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of William J. "Bill" Stankus.*



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December 08, 2021 at 02:23 PM

LH

“ *Jerry,  
Lyla and I were so sorry to hear about Bill. I remember him playing football at EHS, and remember what a nice guy he was. Our sincere condolences to you and the family, Leonard*

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**Leonard Howell** - December 08, 2021 at 10:45 AM

LF

“ Jerry and family, so sorry for your loss. Bill was one of the greatest men I ever had the pleasure of knowing and working beside. We enjoyed time at work as well as home, going frog gigging as well as fishing. Bill and Jerry are the God Parents of our first child, Jason and hold a special place in our hearts. Prayers for the entire family.

Larry and Mary Frey and Family

Larry and Mary Frey - December 08, 2021 at 09:19 AM



“ Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of William J. "Bill" Stankus.



December 08, 2021 at 08:51 AM

DR

“ Mrs. Stankus and family, my family and I wer so sorry to hear of Bill"s passing. I have known Bill over the years, as he and my father Danny Roy,Sr. worked at Bethlehem Mines together for several years. Bill was so good to my father and dad thought the world of him. They can now laugh and enjoy the their time together. May God Bless each of your family. Prayers for peace nd comfort in the days to come. David Roy and family--son of Danny Roy



David and Martha Kyle Roy - December 07, 2021 at 06:19 PM

MW

“ Jerry and family, so sorry for your loss. Prayers for comfort and God's peace at thus time.

Marilyn Walton - December 07, 2021 at 04:51 PM

YO

“ Your friends at MSHA Bridgeport office purchased the Large B asket Garden for the family of William J. "Bill" Stankus.



Your friends at MSHA Bridgeport office - December 07, 2021 at 03:30 PM

MK

“ Our condolence to the Stankus family.

Mike & Lue Knabenshue - December 07, 2021 at 02:29 PM

LE

“ Our heartfelt condolences to the Stankus family. Prayers to you all.  
Beth and Larry Embrey

Larry Embrey - December 07, 2021 at 12:45 PM

JT

“ Steve, many condolences for your loss. I remember you telling me some of the stories (pranks) you would play on your father. Hopefully, those memories can bring a smile to remember the good times in this sorrow. Our thoughts are with you, Sara and all the Stankus clan.

Jodi & John Torres

Jodi Torres - December 07, 2021 at 08:31 AM

LH

“ Steve, Sara, and family,

We are so sorry to hear about your father's passing. It's never easy to lose someone, especially this close to Christmas. You will all be in our thoughts and prayers.

Love, Lori, Jeff, and Julia Harvey

Lori Ulderich Harvey - December 07, 2021 at 08:01 AM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of William J. "Bill" Stankus.



December 07, 2021 at 05:57 AM

JL

“ Words cannot express my sadness. So sorry for your lost. He was a not only a great man but a great human being.

Jp Leary - December 07, 2021 at 05:49 AM

CT

“ Carolyn M Tenney lit a candle in memory of William J. "Bill" Stankus



Carolyn M Tenney - December 06, 2021 at 10:24 PM



“ With Distinction was purchased for the family of William J. "Bill" Stankus.



December 06, 2021 at 10:11 PM

JL

“ I'd like to send my condolences to Jerry and the rest of the family. I'm praying for you all. Jerry and Bill have been neighbors here since long before I was born. Both of them were kind enough to visit when my dad passed in January. I'll always remember that kindness.



Jennifer Leigh - December 06, 2021 at 10:06 PM

CD

“ Bill was one of the most thoughtful and caring men I ever knew. He always remembered mom's doctors appointments when she had cancer and was the first to call and ask how it went. He was also amazing to remember birthdays and making his annual birthday calls to everyone. I admired how he took Christmas wreaths to the many cemeteries he visited each year. Most of all I'll remember him as being my dad's best friend who we all loved dearly. Thoughts and prayers to Jerry and family.

Cindy DeMotto - December 06, 2021 at 09:19 PM

PP

“ I have so many wonderful memories of fishing in Canada with Uncle Bill. Him and I were always in the same boat together. He was a great fisherman and hunter. He so enjoyed helping others too. He always went out of his way to help us at our cabin in Pickens. I enjoyed working with him as he always taught me something new. I will truly miss him. R.I.P. Uncle Bill

Phil Penrose - December 06, 2021 at 07:57 PM

SK

*Jerry and Family! So very sorry to hear of the passing of your dear husband Bill. You will be in my prayers. If I can help you in any way Jerry please let me know. Hugs and Prayers!*

Sharon Kimble - December 06, 2021 at 08:31 PM

MK

*Jerry i didnt no sorry for your loose God bless each and every one of you*

Michael koon - December 06, 2021 at 09:11 PM

BS

*Bonnie Sell. I am so saddened to hear of losing such a wonderful man. The three of us have been dear friends for so long and I cherish every moment we shared. My prayers go out to all this family...RIP my dear friend 🙏❤️*

Bonnie Sell - December 07, 2021 at 12:57 AM

MA

“ So very sorry!!!!  
*Martha Yokum Edgell*

Martha - December 06, 2021 at 07:56 PM

JJ

“ *Bill and Jerry cooked for the Food for Life Program at Crosslines for the Monday Food Program at the Parish House. Bill was quite the cook and Jerry served as his sous chef. Thanks Be To God!*

Jalna Jones - December 06, 2021 at 06:17 PM

 Theresa Gibson

“ *Our sincere expression of sympathy to the Stankus family. Bill was a good neighbor and friend.*

Theresa Gibson - December 06, 2021 at 05:10 PM

CP

“ *So very sorry for your loss. Keeping you in our prayers. Carol Perry*

Carol Perry - December 06, 2021 at 04:55 PM

MH

*We are so very sorry to hear of Bills death. Such a wonderful man. Jerry and family you have our deepest sympathy. Bill will be missed by everyone who knew him. God bless you all as you grieve for Bill*

Mel and Vonnie Hager - December 06, 2021 at 08:59 PM

BC

*Jerry we were so sorry to hear of the loss of your husband. We wish we had known him. We cherish the times we spent with you at The Daily Grind. Miss you friend and our thoughts and prayers are with you.*

*Becky and Bob Cook*

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**Becky Cook** - December 07, 2021 at 11:24 AM