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Raymond Clay May, age 98, of Huntington, WV passed away on Wednesday, July 22, 2020 at his home. He was born on March 11, 1922 in Kanawha County, WV and was the son of the late Kennie and Martha (Jude) May. He was a machinist by trade and started his career with his uncle in Logan County. He moved back to Huntington, WV in 1952 and worked for Fred McCorkles Machine Shop, Houdaille, and INCO before founding Sturm Machine Company in Barboursville, WV with his dear friend Leonard Sturm. He managed the machine shop and foundry until his retirement. He was a member of 26th Street Baptist Church in Huntington, WV and served many years as a deacon, Sunday school superintendent, Sunday school teacher, and usher. He was also a member of the Gideons International of Huntington, WV in which he was actively involved in Bible distribution. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by two sisters Belfa Harsbarger and Iris Faye Matter. He is survived by his loving wife of 77 years, Mary Frances (Rood) May; two daughters Donna (John) Pennington of Wilmington, NC and Gayle Wolfe (James) Bentley of Nitro, WV; two sons Michael (Penny) May of Spring, TX and Rodney (Susan) May of Barboursville, WV; one sister Arbutus Surbaugh of Huntington, WV; five grand-daughters Melissa Franklin of Spring, TX, Shannon Hutchison of Wilmington, NC, Bonnie (William) Edward of Ona, WV, Jennie (Timothy) Holmes of Ona, WV, and Katie (Curtis) Collins of Ona, WV; five grandsons Michael (Jenny) Pennington of Sugarland, TX, Christopher May of Porter, TX, Bradley (Kari) Wolfe of Barboursville, WV, Heath (Maggie) Wolfe of Barboursville, WV, and Lee (Michele) May of Parkersburg, WV; one step grandson Michael (Sarah) Bentley of Millwood, WV; and 25 great-grandchildren. Funeral service will be conducted at 2 PM, Monday, July 27, 2020 at 26th Street Baptist Church, Huntington, WV. Burial will follow the service at White Chapel Memorial Gardens, Barboursville, WV and entombment at the White Chapel Christus Mausoleum with Pastor Tim Arthur officiating. Visitation



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will be held one hour prior to the service at the church. Hall Funeral Home and Crematory, Proctorville, OH, is assisting the family with arrangements. Donations may be given to 26th Street Baptist Church or Gideons International of Huntington, WV. The family would like to thank the care that was given by Hospice of Huntington and his very special nurse Eliza Endicott. Condolences may be expressed to the family at ehallfuneralhome.com.



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HG

Heather Green posted:

Raymind was a special fellow. He would come to the activity room and he and I would spend some time talking several days a week. He will be missed.

July 27 at 10:19 AM

JC

Julie Cunningham posted:

Rodney, I just wanted you to know that I'm thinking about you and praying for your family.

July 27 at 9:36 AM

BM

Brook Mcclellan posted:

I was fortunate enough to go to church with Raymond and take care of him during most of his time at Heartland of riverview. Raymond brought such joy, he always offered the biggest smile and had the kindness eyes I have every seen. He definitely was a blessing in my life and many others I'm sure. He will be missed and remembered fondly.

July 27 at 5:15 AM

GT

Gary Triplett posted:

Raymond was a good man, honest & well respected. More importantly, but not surprising, he was a devoted Christian. \r\n2T im 4: 7, 8 states: "I have fought a good fight , I have finished my course, I have kept the faith. Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing." \r\nRaymond will be sorely missed by this neighbor. \r\nHeartfelt thoughts & prayers go out to his loving & dedicated wife, Mary, & to his family. \r\nRest in peace my friend.

July 25 at 10:42 AM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Raymond by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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