



## Donald Ray Cleveland

December 14, 1949 - December 8, 2018

Donald Ray Cleveland, age 68 of Berwind, WV died Saturday, December 8, 2018 at Johnston Memorial Hospital in Abingdon, VA. He was born December 14, 1949 at Bluefield, WV and was a son of the late Orbie Virgil Cleveland, Sr. and Hazel Irene McCoy Cleveland. Don was a retired coalminer, having worked for several years with various local coal companies. Mr. Cleveland was a Veteran of the United States Navy. He was of the Christian faith and was a Senior Deacon and dedicated member of the Canebrake Freewill Baptist Church in Canebrake, WV.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by three sisters, Florence Abigail Wimmer, Vida Irene Strupe and Viola Faith Fuller; one brother, Marvin Kyle Cleveland.

Those who survive to cherish his memory include his loving wife of forty-nine years, Elda Kaye Dishman Cleveland; one son, David Ray Cleveland and wife, Mary Ann of Richlands, VA; one daughter, Sarah Kay Cleveland of Berwind, WV; one brother, Orbie Virgil Cleveland, Jr. and wife, June of Chicago, IL; grandson, Christopher Cody O'Byrne; several nieces, nephews, other relatives and many friends also survive.

Funeral Services for Mr. Cleveland will be conducted at 2:00 p.m. Wednesday, December 12, 2018 at the Hurst-Scott Funeral Home Chapel in Tazewell, VA with the Reverend Darrell Long officiating. Burial will follow at Grandview Memory Gardens in Bluefield, VA. Family and friends will serve as pallbearers. The family will receive friends at the funeral home after 1:00 p.m. Wednesday,

December 12, 2018.

Hurst-Scott Funeral Home in Tazewell, VA is serving the family of Mr. Cleveland and those wishing to express sympathy online may do so at [www.hurstscottfuneralhomes.com](http://www.hurstscottfuneralhomes.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Grandview Memory Gardens

38659 Gov . G.C. Peery Hwy  
Bluefield, VA 24605

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC 12. 1:00 PM (ET)

Hurst- Scott Funeral Home of Tazewell  
870 Main Street  
Tazewell, VA 24651  
(276) 988-7579  
hsfhtaz@outlook.com

## Funeral Service

DEC 12. 2:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Donald Ray Cleveland*

January 14, 2023 at 04:24 PM



“ *Donald Ray Cleveland*

January 14, 2023 at 02:26 PM



“ *Carol McCoy Phelps lit a candle in memory of Donald Ray Cleveland*



**Carol McCoy Phelps** - December 18, 2021 at 09:20 PM



“ *Growing old and dealing with our often infirmities separates us on this earth. As his aunt, I grew up with Donald and never once saw him angry. He never complained but always uplifted everyone, even as a child. We laughed, sang, and played once upon a time, and the time grows nigh when we can share out love for the Lord once again. God bless all of you, as you await a glorious reunion day with a wonderful, Godly man.*

**Carol McCoy Phelps** - December 18, 2021 at 01:40 PM



“ *Donald was a great person. He cared for everyone! He will be truly missed. He always knew how to make people laugh.*

**April** - February 17, 2019 at 09:08 AM

KH

“Cleve was, and always will be, one of the most positive influences of my childhood. From as early as I can remember he was there always ready to help out anyone in any way he could. From the countless times he got up to open the church so the kids didn't have to wait for the school bus in the cold or rain, to making sure that every one of his neighbors was doing well and had all of the support they needed...his smile was infectious and lit up the world around him. He always treated us like family. He taught us as much about right and wrong as our own parents did. He made sure we knew God and that we knew forgiveness. Even now, having traveled the world many times over, any time I feel like life is getting the best of me I often find myself remembering how his attitude was always so positive and how happy he seemed to be. Those memories that I have of Cleve I will carry with me for as long as I live. If ever there was a person that deserved a first class ticket to meet St. Peter, he was surely one of them. I have no doubt I will see him again and finally get to thank him for the love and kindness he brought to us all. We love you, Cleve and we all miss you terribly.

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**Kris Hankins** - February 13, 2019 at 12:49 PM

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“Kristie Hankins lit a candle in memory of Donald Ray Cleveland



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**Kristie Hankins** - February 13, 2019 at 10:42 AM

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“I have known Donald since I was a child. There isn't a childhood memory that doesn't have him in it. He was such a loving and kind man. One that there is few of anymore. He will truly be missed.

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**Kristie Hankins** - February 13, 2019 at 10:41 AM

BQ

“ Cleve had a great sense of humor and such a big heart. I will never forget how he always gladly went out of his way to pick up anyone who needed a ride to church. It all started with our green pickle before we got upgraded to something a little nicer. He loved it though. I don't think I ever saw him without a smile on his face. And I never once heard him complain about having to serve others. He was glad to always help, and it always brought others joy. He will be greatly missed. Sending hugs to heaven today. ❤️

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**Britnie Quesenberry** - December 15, 2018 at 11:52 AM

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“ Lee Bennett lit a candle in memory of Donald Ray Cleveland



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**lee bennett** - December 12, 2018 at 05:14 PM



“ Carolyn Pyles lit a candle in memory of Donald Ray Cleveland



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**Carolyn Pyles** - December 12, 2018 at 01:45 AM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Donald Ray Cleveland.*



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December 11, 2018 at 11:01 PM