



Dwight L. Speeks

March 13, 1937 - December 20, 2018

Dwight L. Speeks, age 81, of Bluefield, Virginia, passed away Thursday, December 20, 2018 in a Bluefield, West Virginia hospital with his wife of 60 years by his side.

He was born in Mouth of Wilson, Virginia and was the son of the late Lonnie and Maggie Burke Speeks.

He was a retired school administrator from Tazewell County Public School System. Dwight graduated high school from Oak Hill Academy Class of 1955, received his bachelor's degree from Virginia Tech, and received his master's degree from ETSU. He was a proud member of the first ever men's basketball team at Oak Hill Academy and his graduation from VT prompted his lifetime love and support for the Hokies. Dwight was a member of the Fincastle Presbyterian Church in Bluefield, Virginia and served many terms as an elder. He also held various offices in the Abingdon Presbytery. Dwight loved to hunt and fish and enjoyed working outdoors. He will be missed by all that knew and loved him.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a sister, Ida Mae Speeks; and two brothers, Floyd and Harry Lee Speeks; and one daughter in law, Cathy Helton Speeks. He was the last surviving member of his immediate family.

Survivors are:

His Wife: Jimmie Ruth Steele Speeks,

Daughter: Nancy Lynn Watson and husband, Jeff of Greensboro, NC

Sons:

Danny Speeks of Auburn, Alabama

Jeff Speeks and Valerie Tatum of Tazewell, Virginia

Grandchildren: Maggie Holder, Keri Speeks, Michael Watson, and Melody Speeks.

Great Grandchildren: Aly Speeks, Kylee Bennett, and Roland Bennett

A memorial service will be conducted on Saturday, January 19, 2019 at 1 PM at the Fincastle Presbyterian Church on Route 720 Double Gates in Bluefield, Virginia. The family will receive friends on Friday evening from 6-8 PM at the church and on Saturday one hour prior to the service. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Fincastle Presbyterian Church, Box 409, Bluefield, Virginia 24605.

Hurst-Scott Funeral Home in Richlands, Virginia is in charge of arrangements and those wishing to express sympathy online may do so at www.hurstscottfuneralhomes.com

Tribute Wall



“ Dwight L. Speeks

January 14, 2023 at 04:24 PM



“ Dwight L. Speeks

January 14, 2023 at 02:26 PM



“ Mrs. Speeks, I am sorry for your loss my thoughts and prayers are with you. Jean Bourne Miller

Jean Bourne Miller - January 22, 2019 at 01:37 PM



“ Very sorry for your loss. Dwight was a good faithful Christian man.

Annette Parsons - January 22, 2019 at 07:29 AM



“ Jimmy Ruth and children,

So sorry for your loss. Take comfort in knowing there is a higher power. My children, Macky, Cindy and Mark send their love and prayers.

Peggy Farmer

Peggy J Farmer - January 19, 2019 at 04:08 PM

BS

“ *Tammie and I are remembering you in prayer. Dwight was a good friend, and always had a good word. May your whole family be comforted by the Holy Spirit during this time.*

*Brad Scott
Trenton, GA*

Brad Scott - January 17, 2019 at 07:31 AM

TA

“ *Danny, I'm so very sorry for the loss of your father. He sounds like an amazing man! My thoughts & prayers are with you and your family.*

Tami Ashley - January 15, 2019 at 02:32 PM

AK

“ *Jeff, We were sorry to hear about your dad, our prayers and thoughts are with you and your family, May God Bless, Love, Elmer & Alice Kinder*

Alice Kinder - January 12, 2019 at 09:23 AM

TM

“ *Tom And Dot McGlothlin lit a candle in memory of Dwight L. Speeks*



Tom and Dot McGlothlin - December 31, 2018 at 08:44 AM

 Bob
Tatum

“ *He was The Greatest and most fair educator of anyone I've ever known. Heaven gained a great one.*

Bob Tatum - December 28, 2018 at 05:27 PM

PS

“ *My condolences to Jeff & all the family, Prayers for all.*



peggy A Sparks - December 27, 2018 at 05:53 PM

HC

“ *the family of Dwight Speeks,
Our thoughts and Prayers are with you in the passing of your loved one. May God bless and comfort you!
Marie Vencill Wyrick Jones, Helen Vencill Custalow, Jerry Vencill*

Helen Vencill Custalow - December 27, 2018 at 04:54 AM

JP

“ *A sweet man who my brother bob hedrick loved very much. He was always there for us. Anytime. Anything. A good man who will b missed by many. Love u Jimmie ruth💔*

janet phipps - December 26, 2018 at 08:36 PM

GB

“ 1 file added to the album Memories



Greg Burke - December 25, 2018 at 04:08 PM

AG

I miss my dada so much he was the best dada ever

Alyssa Speeks (great geat granddaughter - May 15, 2023 at 07:57 PM

GB

“ 1 file added to the album Memories Album



Greg Burke - December 25, 2018 at 09:20 AM

LC

“ *Dwight was an advocate of children, everywhere. He mentored many of us as beginning teachers in Tazewell county and he always had a kind word for us. I enjoyed his stories, his jokes and his love of laughter. I remember a time at RMS as a “green teacher,” he helped me in pranking several who had pranked me in the past. As he said, “that will teach them”! belly laughing as he left the school. Leaders like him are few and far between. He will be missed by many who have such fond memories of him. But I am sure he and his many friends who have gone before him will be side line coaching from above.*

Lynn Chance - December 24, 2018 at 01:22 PM

PB

“ Patsy Davis Ball sent a virtual gift in memory of Dwight L. Speeks



Patsy Davis Ball - December 23, 2018 at 04:14 PM

GI

“ Mr. Speeks will surely be missed by many. Our sincere condolences to the whole family. Best wishes to all.

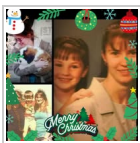
George “Hooger“ Fisher III - December 23, 2018 at 03:48 PM

GA

“ Glenda Altizer lit a candle in memory of Dwight L. Speeks



Glenda Altizer - December 22, 2018 at 09:24 PM



“ Tammy Mcclanahan lit a candle in memory of Dwight L. Speeks



Tammy Mcclanahan - December 22, 2018 at 08:45 PM

RH

“ *Dwight was a true friend and was a pleasure to be around. Ray is sure going to miss him. Hugs and prayers!!*

Ray and Barbara Howell - December 22, 2018 at 07:38 PM

CH

“ *Jimmy Ruth and Family:
We were sadden to hear about the passing of Dwight. Please accept our sincere sympathy. I know he will be missed by all who knew him.*

Clea and Linda Harris

Clea and Linda Harris - December 22, 2018 at 07:25 PM

JD

“ *We are so sorry to learn of Dwight's passing. He will be greatly missed in the Tazewell area. We could always count on seeing his happy face at most events. Our thoughts and prayers are with you, Jimmie Ruth, at this most difficult time. Tazewell has lost an angel at Christmas, but what a wonderful time to be in heaven. With love, Joan and Jim Doak*



Joan Doak - December 22, 2018 at 07:10 PM

CF

“ *Sending my heartfelt sympathy to Jimmie Ruth and family in the loss of their loved one, Dwight Speeks. He will always be in your hearts. May he rest in peace. Your Steele cousin, Cova Freeman*

Cova Freeman - December 22, 2018 at 03:58 PM

BP

“ Me. Speeks was a special teacher with his boisterous voice. Really a favorite of mine in high school at Richlands and later on as a teacher getting my certificate renewed. Rest In Peace. God bless your family. ❤️🙏

Betsy (Helton) and Sonny Plaster - December 22, 2018 at 02:40 PM

LG

“ So sorry to hear this,,,,I knew him for many years at RHS., He was always ready to listen to anything you had to tell him.....He will be missed.

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BP

“ Betsy (Helton) And Sonny Plaster lit a candle in memory of Dwight L. Speeks



Betsy (Helton) and Sonny Plaster - December 22, 2018 at 02:37 PM

GG

“ Gaynell Goss lit a candle in memory of Dwight L. Speeks



Gaynell Goss - December 22, 2018 at 12:52 PM

AM

“ *Anita McGlothlin-Gibson lit a candle in memory of Dwight L. Speeks*



Anita McGlothlin-Gibson - December 22, 2018 at 12:31 PM

JP

“ *Jack/Alice Pyott lit a candle in memory of Dwight L. Speeks*



Jack/Alice Pyott - December 22, 2018 at 12:10 PM

DB

“ *David Beavers lit a candle in memory of Dwight L. Speeks*



David Beavers - December 22, 2018 at 12:04 PM

KB

“ *Karen Bowlick lit a candle in memory of Dwight L. Speeks*



Karen Bowlick - December 22, 2018 at 11:14 AM

DH

“ *Mr. Speeks was one of my favorite. He was always ready to help if you had any trouble in school. He was such a good guy.* ”



Debbie Hunsaker - December 22, 2018 at 08:01 AM

DC

“ *Doug And Malinda Cannaday sent a virtual gift in memory of Dwight L. Speeks* ”



Doug and Malinda Cannaday - December 22, 2018 at 07:53 AM

SL

“ *Sammi Henderson Lambert lit a candle in memory of Dwight L. Speeks* ”



Sammi Henderson Lambert - December 21, 2018 at 10:13 PM

DF

“ *My condolences to you all on the loss of Mr. Speeks, he was a good guy. Always of good cheer, always a gentleman.* ”
Sincerely,
Dave Fisher

Dave Fisher - December 21, 2018 at 10:06 PM

SL

“ Jimmie Ruth and family,
I am so sorry to hear of Dwight's passing. The Lord has gained a great angel. My prayers are with you. May the Lord place His loving arms around you and guide you through this difficult time. Much love and condolences. Sharon

Sharon Lowe - December 21, 2018 at 07:52 PM

LL

“ Lynn Roaten Lambert lit a candle in memory of Dwight L. Speeks



Lynn Roaten Lambert - December 21, 2018 at 07:51 PM

LL

“ You will be so missed by everyone that knew you. Prayers for comfort and peace to the entire Speeks Family.

Lynn Roaten Lambert - December 21, 2018 at 07:50 PM



“ TonyanEdgar Wicks lit a candle in memory of Dwight L. Speeks



TonyanEdgar Wicks - December 21, 2018 at 07:37 PM

CK

“ Christine Kinser lit a candle in memory of Dwight L. Speeks



Christine Kinser - December 21, 2018 at 07:28 PM

CK

“ Jimmie Ruth and family, So sorry to hear about the passing of Dwight. He was a dear friend. Still have fond memories of our bus trip to the Independence Bowl. You are in my thoughts and prayers. Christine Kinser

Christine Kinser - December 21, 2018 at 07:28 PM

CS

“ Condolences to the Speeks family on the loss of their loved one. Mr. Speeks and I had a few run ins in high school but he was a man who listened to reason. I am sure you all have cherished memories of him and will remember until you meet again in heaven. Cathy Sink

CATHY S SINK - December 21, 2018 at 04:41 PM

ML

“ remember Mr. Speeks as a principle of Richlands always wonder about him when passing thru Bluefield I know his family will miss him. Thoughts are with you during this time of grief .

Martha Lowe - December 21, 2018 at 03:47 PM