



Preston Messer,

September 16, 1925 - February 25, 2010

Mr. Preston Messer, Jr, age 84, of Lebanon, Virginia, passed away Thursday, February 25, 2010 at his home following a lengthy illness. He was born in Twin Branch, West Virginia and was the son of the late William and Thelma Irene Rhodes Preston. He was an avid farmer and was a miner and foreman for Clinch Field Coal Company. He worked for MSHA as a federal mine inspector for sixteen years until retiring in 1990. He was a member of the UMWA. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by one brother, Arnam Messer; three sisters, Mildred Wheeler, Ruth Elswick, and Imogene Pierce; two nephews and one niece. Survivors are: His Wife: Helen Sanders Messer Two Daughters: Gerry Carter and husband, Terry of Lebanon, Virginia Deborah Blankenship and husband, David of Holden Beach, North Carolina One Granddaughter: Jolie Francis and husband, Richie of Dungannon, Virginia One Grandson: Adam Blankenship of Holden Beach, North Carolina One Brother: Harold Messer and wife, Shirley of Cedar Bluff, Virginia Several nieces and nephews also survive. Special thanks to a special family friend and aide, Mary Dale Moore. Funeral services for Preston Messer will be conducted Saturday, February 27, 2010 at 5:00pm at the Hurst-Scott Funeral Chapel in Richlands, Virginia with the Rev. Delmar Somoskey and Rev. Bill Keele officiating. Interment will follow Sunday at Greenhills Memory Gardens at Claypool Hill, Virginia. Friends and family will serve as pallbearers. Friends may call from 2:00pm until 5:00pm Saturday afternoon at the Hurst-Scott Funeral Home in Richlands, Virginia. Hurst-Scott Funeral Home in Richlands,

Virginia is in charge of arrangements and those wishing to express sympathy on line may do so at www.hurstscottfuneralhomes.com

Tribute Wall



“ *Preston Messer,*

January 14, 2023 at 04:24 PM



“ *Preston Messer,*

January 14, 2023 at 02:26 PM



“ *Anita and family, I am so sorry to hear about your uncle, I said a special prayer for all of you. I bet he was a really sweet man because he comes from such a wonderful family. May God watch over you in this sad sad time and always, sincerely, Brenda Johnnie and Chandler.*

Johnnie Brenda Brakefield and Chandler - February 25, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ *Helen and Family,
You are in our prayers.
Charlie & Connie (White) Brown*

Connie Brown - February 25, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ *He was a wonderful husband, father and grandfather and his family always came first. He was a hard worker and wonderful neighbor as well and I will forever cherish all the memories of the Messer family beside us in Belfast.*

Mike and Roseann - February 25, 2010 at 12:00 AM

SV

“ We want to express our sympathy and you and your family are in our prayers and thoughts.

Sam and Carol Vencill - February 25, 2010 at 12:00 AM

WS

“ Aunt Helen and Family. Would have been there but didn't find out til today 3/7/10. Uncle Runt was a wonderful man. I'll never forget your love and kindness while I was growing up. Love you all even though I don't see you. You are all still in my heart.

Wanda and William Smith - February 25, 2010 at 12:00 AM

MD

“ I am so sorry for your lost.

marvin dailey - February 25, 2010 at 12:00 AM