



Wendell Compton

December 14, 1929 - February 8, 2010

Mr. Wendell Ray Compton, age 80, of Norton, Virginia, died Monday, February 8, 2010 at the Wellmont Lonesome Pine Hospital in Big Stone Gap, Virginia, following a long and continuous illness. His immediate family was at his bedside. He was born at Whitewood, Virginia on December 14, 1929 and was the son of the late Hannibal A. and Celia Cox Compton. Mr. Compton was a graduate of Grundy Senior High School Class of 1947 and had served in the United States Army from 1951 until 1953 during the Korean War. After discharge, he entered Virginia Tech and received a mining engineering degree in 1957. He spent most of his career with the Federal Mine Safety and Health Administration, beginning as a Staff Engineer. He served as the agency's District 5 manager in Norton from 1971 through 1977. He left to become general manager of Apache Coal Co. in Feds Creek, Kentucky for several years and then returned to MSHA, serving as manager of District 1, Wilkes Barre, PA and as Staff Engineer at the headquarters in Arlington and Pikeville, KY. He was of the Protestant Faith. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by two brothers, Victor H. Compton and Ralph W. Compton. Survivors are: His Wife of 50 years: Betty Smith Compton Three Daughters: Linda Brooks of Norton, Virginia Brenda Palmer of Norton, Virginia Deborah Lawson and husband, Gerald of Norton, Virginia One Son: Stephen Compton and wife, Shirley of Lebanon, Virginia Two Brothers: William Blake Compton and wife, Shelby of Grundy, Virginia H.C. Lodge Compton of Grundy, Virginia Four Grandsons: Jason Brooks, Christopher Palmer, Jarrod

Smith, and Adam Smith Three Great Grandchildren: Sloan Palmer, Keegan Palmer, and Troy Brooks Surrogate Sons: Walter Dale (Tommy) Smith and David Harvey Smith Memorial services for Wendell Ray Compton will be conducted Friday, February 12, 2010 at 7:00pm at the Hurst-Scott Funeral Chapel in Richlands, Virginia with the Rev. Stafford Compton officiating. Friends may call after 5:00pm Friday at the Hurst-Scott Funeral Home in Richlands, Virginia. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Norton Rescue Squad, P.O. Box 1267, Norton, VA 24273. Hurst-Scott Funeral Home in Richlands, Virginia is in charge of arrangements and those wishing to send online condolences may do so at www.hurstscottfuneralhomes.com

Tribute Wall



“ Wendell Compton

January 14, 2023 at 04:24 PM



“ Wendell Compton

January 14, 2023 at 02:26 PM



“ *I began working with Ray in 1977. I found him to be a great mentor and friend. His guidance and moral values would play an important role in my work profession. Ray was well-respected in the Feds Creek community. Though our work relationship ended in 1988, our friendship continued on. He has and always will hold a special place in my heart. Our sincere condolences go to Betty and family.*

Tommy Prater - February 08, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ *The Compton Family,*

Please accept our condolences. My uncle Ray was a man who I always thought was a twin to my father Lodge. Many times did that man fool me and make me look twice. So many times did I think he was my dad. Our prayers are with you Betty and your family. He will suffer no more in gloryland.

Jon & Stephanie Compton - February 08, 2010 at 12:00 AM

JC

“ I will always remember Ray for his wonderful sense of humor and the pride he had in his family. He was always there when his family, immediate and extended needed him.

Jennifer Compton - February 08, 2010 at 12:00 AM

JH

“ I met Ray in 1995 when I came back from florida where I was working for MSHA -Mine Safety and Health Adminsitration. Ray helped get a transfer from florida back home. I will always be grateful for that and other things Ray done for me while I worked for him. He always had a good sense of humor and liked to tell about me letting a one legged inmate escape from the county jail when I was a Deputy Sheriff. Ray will be missed by all and my prayers go out to all his faimly and friends.

James (subby) Holbrook - February 08, 2010 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ Steve, Shirley and Family,

We pray that God's peace and love will bring you comfort and hope during this time of loss.

In Christ's Love,
Josh and Cathy

Josh and Cathy Savage - February 08, 2010 at 12:00 AM

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“ *Betty and Family,
I was sorry to hear of Ray's passing. Ray was wonderful uncle and I
have great memories of him.*

*I am so sorry that I can't make it in to tell in person how much he
meant to me and how much he will be missed.*

You all are in my thoughts and prayers.

Love

James William Smith 2nd

James W. Smith 2nd - February 08, 2010 at 12:00 AM