



French W. Armstrong

May 13, 1926 - October 19, 2020

French W. Armstrong, age 94, of the Waterloo Road, French Creek, died Monday, October 19, 2020, at his home. He was born May 13, 1926, at Cow Run, a son of the late Willie French and Jesse Waugh Armstrong. On April 9, 1955, he was united in marriage to Lois Virginia Knepp Armstrong, who preceded him in death on March 6, 2020. In addition to his parents and wife, he was also preceded in death by one son, Thomas Mark Armstrong; one grandson, Mark Anthony Galeazzi; two sisters: Rosalee Hedrick and Louise Morris; and three brothers: Robert, Edward, and Alan Armstrong. He is survived by one daughter Rebecca Ann Galeazzi of French Creek; one son John Lee Armstrong of Elkview; and three grandchildren: Alexandra, Stephanie, and Hunter Armstrong.

Mr. Armstrong was a veteran of the US Army and upon his honorable discharge, he enrolled in the WV State Police Academy, followed by a career in the WV State Police that spanned from 1948-1981, when he retired with the rank of Captain. He then pursued a career in real estate as an owner of Armstrong-Davis Realty and cultivated his noted Christmas Tree Farm in French Creek. His devotion to civic organizations was boundless as evidenced by the numerous groups which benefited from his active participation: Buckhannon-Upshur Chamber of Commerce, Upshur County Development Authority, Southern Upshur Business Association, Central Upshur Lions Club, Upshur County Farm Bureau (Board of Directors), WV Forestry Stewardship Program, WV and National Tree Growers Associations,

and the WV State Police Retired Members Association. He was also a member of the First Presbyterian Church in Buckhannon, a 32nd degree Mason and member of the Rock Cave Lodge #81 A.F. & A.M., the Rock Cave Aletha Chapter #82 Order of the Eastern Star, and had served a six-year term as an Upshur County Commissioner.

The family will receive friends on Friday, October 23, 2020, from 5-7:00 PM, at the Heavner & Cutright Funeral Chapel. A graveside service will be held on Saturday, October 24, 2020, at 1:00 PM, at the French Creek Memorial Gardens, where the Rock Cave Masonic Lodge #81 will conduct graveside rites. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Central Upshur Lions Club, SUBA, WV State Police Retired Members Association, Frenchton Bobcats 4-H Club, Upshur County Farm Bureau, First Presbyterian Church, Rock Cave Masonic Lodge #81, Rock Cave Order of the Eastern Star #82, or the charity of your choice.

Cemetery Details

French Creek Memorial Gardens

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **23**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Heavner & Cutright Funeral Chapel and Cremation Services
940 Route 20 South Road
Buckhannon, WV 26201
(304) 472-8024
heavnerandcutright@aol.com
<https://www.heavnerandcutright.com/>

Graveside Service

OCT **24**. 1:00 PM (ET)

French Creek Memorial Gardens

Tribute Wall

LM

“ Dear Rebecca and Family, my husband Tom and I are very sorry to hear of your loss. Your father and I are first cousins/once removed, as my grandmother (Margaret Nola Armstrong) and French's father (Garlin Armstrong) were brother and sister. I first met your father in the late 1980s at his WV home, where he was so helpful in showing me around our ancestral "homeland," and the beautiful house that still stands in Rock Cave, where my husband and I met you in the late 1990s. I will never forget him -- he was so interesting and fun to talk to and be with. It was indeed an honor and pleasure to know him. God bless you and your family, Laura Taylor Miller (nee Darvas)

Laura Miller - October 29, 2020 at 12:07 PM

VN

“ Our family's friend for 60 plus years along with the entire Armstrong family. We shared many milestones as our children shared so many activities. Some so happy and some that were sad. Sledding, picnics, church and Christmas evenings at my home, complete with the antique wood butter bowl full of a variety of nuts. After my children's father passed, he was a mentor with sound advice when he was asked for his opinion. The community will never know all of the things he did unsung to make the world a better place. Farewell dear friend, you fought the Good Fight. Well done.
Virginia P. Northcraft

Virginia Northcraft - October 26, 2020 at 10:37 PM

MF

“ John and Becky; We met your Mom and Dad 35+ years ago when we joined the WVCTGA. They were such kind and decent people and will be missed by family, friends and community. Ron and I extend our sincere sympathy to you, John and Becky, in the loss of your Father.



Matilda Fowler - October 24, 2020 at 10:04 AM

DH

“ John, so sorry to hear of your father's passing. Prayers to you and your family.

Denise L. Harper

Denise L. Harper - October 22, 2020 at 08:29 AM

JG

“ To Becky, John and the family

French and I shared over 40 years of friendship when he was with the state and i was happy to advise him on his second career in the real estate business. A truly great gentleman. He broke the mold and he will be missed by many and wwe will always miss him at Christmas with his trees.

Jay Goldman

Jay Goldman - October 22, 2020 at 06:38 AM

SP

“ *Becky, John and family. We met your dad years ago thru his real estate office. We bought and sold a couple houses over time. He was one of a kind. Than we got to meet both your parents a few years ago on a more personal level. Such nice people. Our hearts go out to you. Will always remember him watching us do his hay. We have talked about that. Wondering what he was thinking as he watched. He is now with his true love❤️. Prayers and hugs!*

Sheldon and Diana Perry - October 22, 2020 at 06:36 AM

BJ

“ *Becky and family. I was saddened to hear of your dad's passing. He was such a sweet, kind and educated person. Your mom loved him so much. Know that my heart is with you*

Beckie Jack - October 22, 2020 at 02:45 AM

PG

“ *Becky and family so sorry for your loss hugs to you*



Patty Gregory - October 21, 2020 at 06:30 PM

CO

“ *Becky, We are so very sorry to hear of your Dad's passing. We are keeping you in our thoughts and prayers. If I can help you in any way, please call*



Connie and Bob Hull

Connie - October 21, 2020 at 03:57 PM



“ *Vivid Recollections was purchased for the family of French W. Armstrong.*



October 21, 2020 at 03:30 PM

EA

“ Dear Uncle French,
Thank you for the wonderful memories of visiting the grandparents at French Creek in my childhood. I recall that, with you around, there was always an adventure to be shared with my many cousins.

You serve as an inspiration to this day by the amazing career you put together. So diverse and industrious. You left an indelible mark on both family and community. You will be missed by many, but never forgotten.

To Becky and John, I'm so sorry for your loss.

With love to all,

Your nephew, Edward "Eddie" Armstrong

Ed Armstrong - October 21, 2020 at 03:16 PM

JV

“ Jim And Cathy Vance lit a candle in memory of French W. Armstrong



Jim and Cathy Vance - October 21, 2020 at 02:30 PM



“ Becky,
We are sorry to hear that your dad has passed. Sending our love and prayers,
Jon, Cindy, Levi, and Kari Hopie

Cindy Gay - October 21, 2020 at 02:27 PM

BS

“ *Becky, John & family: French was a wonderful man and we all loved him dearly here at the Farm Bureau. We have shared some wonderful times together and we will treasure each memory of your Mom and Dad. We know that he is finally reunited with your Mom and they are having a wonderful time together. Our love and prayers are with your family. God bless and comfort you! "Farm Bureau Board and Staff"*

Brenda Snyder - October 21, 2020 at 01:47 PM

DB

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with you during this time. Your dad was my very first boss when I came to the State Police. He was a wonderful person and so good to those who worked with/for him. He as a kind and thoughtful man. We had our Christmas dinners and he always brought our Christmas tree for us to decorate at the office and your mom would come for the dinner and bring the ham. So many memories over the years. I know it will be hard for you. He will be greatly missed by many. Take care!*

Debby Beckner

Debby Beckner - October 21, 2020 at 12:59 PM

CW

Thoughts and prayers . We have lost 2 of the best people I have been lucky enough to know. Rest in Peace French. You will be missed

Charlotte Wamsley - October 21, 2020 at 01:37 PM

TC

“ *My heart is with you all I have known your father since 1982 when I started working and he was a wonderful person ... he would deliver a beautiful tree to me when I lived above Rohr's office and I continued to get trees every year .. sharing the tree cutting experience with my kids for many years he will be greatly missed live and prayers Terrinda*

Terrinda Currence - October 21, 2020 at 11:02 AM