



Shirley Patrick Hite

April 1, 1924 - December 16, 2018

Shirley Patrick Hite of Grafton, the beloved first of twelve children of the late Loretta and Leland Hite, died on Sunday, December 16, 2018, at St. Joseph's Hospital in Buckhannon. He was born April 1, 1924, at Dusk Camp, Gilmer County, WV. A 1942 graduate of Tygart Valley High School, Shirley proudly served in the US Army during WW II. He was attached to the 26th Anti-Aircraft Artillery. As with many others, he came to the European Campaign of WW II by the landing on Omaha Beach in Normandy. He rose to the rank of Master Sergeant and served again stateside during the Korean Conflict. A son of a coal miner, Shirley had a long history in coal mining. He worked for Bethlehem Coal, Moss Coal & Coke, Peerless Coal and Grafton Coal Co. With two partners, he started AC&H Coal Co before developing HW&C Coal with two other partners. He finished his career with his sons as his partners. Shirley was President of the Barbour County Smoke Eaters Mine Rescue for many years. With his credentials and his straight forward management, Shirley was respected by those who worked with him through the many years. Shirley was also proud of his thirty-five years plus with the Scottish Rite, fifty years plus with the York Rite and fifty years plus with the Pilgrim Templar. It was the Riverside Lodge 124, Cass, where he gained 3rd degree Master Mason, the Beverly Chapter for his York Rite and Osiris Wheeling to become a Shriner. He also was a seventy year plus member of the VFW. In 1994, he received his diploma from AB University of Hard Knocks. A longtime resident of Valley Head, Shirley married Mary Frances Hite in 1946. Together, they had several

businesses and proudly raised three children. Shirley helped develop the Valley Head Volunteer Fire Department. He was also an influence in many lives as a youth baseball coach. After his divorce from Mary Frances in 1985, Shirley became a long time resident of Grafton. He spent many years on Tygart Lake enjoying boating and waterskiing. He enjoyed a long relationship with Phyllis Clayton and they married in 2006. She preceded him in death in 2016. Shirley loved his Pittsburgh Pirates, Pittsburgh Steelers and WVU Mountaineers throughout his 94 years. In addition to his parents and his wife, he was preceded in death by seven siblings: Leland Jr., Phyllis, Lola Barbralee, Patricia, Gilbert and Randall Hite, Lucille Sullivan as well as his daughter-in-law, Linda Hite. Shirley is survived by his children: Steven M. Hite, Christopher L. and Patsy Hite, and Cynthia G. Hite and Robert E. Beverly; his grandchildren: Anissa and John Davis, Michael and Desi Hite, Tracy and Billy Hurst, Courtney Hite and Sandeep Vennam; his great grandchildren: Cara Carpenter, Cassie Davis, Jordan Sine, Kyndal Davis, Abigail Hurst, Baylee Hurst, Alex Hite, Leela Hite Vennam, Florilinda Hite and Sai Suraj Hite Vennam; and his great-great grandchildren: Bryson and Abbigail Waugh and John Ryan Carpenter. Shirley also leaves his sisters: Geraldine Sallie, Wilma Jean Lee, Peggy Runner, and Jo Marouse; his sisters-in-law: Susan Hite and Barb Hite; and many loved nieces and nephews. In addition, he is survived by the family of his wife, Phyllis Hite. The family would like to thank St. Joseph's Hospital, Buckhannon, for their excellent care as well as Brenda and Brad Hamrick for their love and time during his last days. The family will receive friends at the Heavner and Cutright Funeral Chapel on Thursday, December 20, 2018, from 12 Noon to 3:00 PM, the funeral hour, with Rev. Donald Butcher officiating. Graveside services and interment will be held on Friday, December 21, 2018, at 11:00 AM, at the West Virginia National Cemetery in Pruntytown, where the Upshur County Honor Guard and the Grafton Masonic Lodge # 15 will conduct graveside services. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the St. Joseph's Hospital Foundation C/O Lisa Wharton, Director, Amalia Drive Buckhannon, WV 26201.

Cemetery Details

West Virginia National Cemetery

Pruntytown, WV

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC **20**. 12:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

Heavner & Cutright Funeral Chapel and Cremation Services
940 Route 20 South Road
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Funeral Service

DEC **20**. 3:00 PM (ET)

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Graveside Service

DEC **21**. 11:00 AM (ET)

West Virginia National Cemetery
Pruntytown, WV

Tribute Wall

DH

“ *Diane H. purchased a sympathy card for the family of Shirley Patrick Hite.*



Diane H. - December 20, 2018 at 01:49 PM

CH

“ *Anissa I am so sorry to hear of the loss of your grandfather. My prayer is that God will give you peace and comfort today and in the days ahead. We will always carry a part of our loved ones with us forever. Take great comfort in the memories made and being with him again.*

Charlotte Heater - December 20, 2018 at 12:44 PM



“ *The last summer that I went on a vacation with the family to WV in 1968 we stayed for several weeks in Valley Head. Uncle Shirley was really great about getting us kids out to go water skiing whenever he could. He would load up the boat behind his truck and the gang of us would jump into the back of the truck for the drive to the lake. I really appreciated him taking the time to have some fun and his patience while we tried to learn how to ski. After several outings I volunteered to clean his boat and trailer and spent a full day getting it sparkling clean. I think it astonished him that I had spent the day but it was a small favor for everything he did.*

Chuck (Charlie<Butch>) Lee

Chuck Lee - December 19, 2018 at 06:40 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Shirley Patrick Hite.*



December 19, 2018 at 03:26 PM



“ *The Sullivan Family-Penni Garrison & Laura Boone purchased the Enduring Grace for the family of Shirley Patrick Hite.*



The Sullivan Family-Penni Garrison & Laura Boone -
December 19, 2018 at 10:24 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Shirley Patrick Hite.*



December 19, 2018 at 08:25 AM



“ *Steve, Chris and Cindy, my condolences go out to you all at this difficult time. We cherish those good memories of him and the many contributions he made to society while he was with us. May he rest in peace.*

Steve Bodkins - December 19, 2018 at 05:26 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Shirley Patrick Hite.*



December 18, 2018 at 04:24 PM



“ *From Evelyn, Frank, Erin, Jay, Sam and Charlie purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Shirley Patrick Hite.*



From Evelyn, Frank, Erin, Jay, Sam and Charlie - December 18, 2018 at 11:01 AM



“ *You will be missed Shirley. Rest in peace my dear brother-in-law. “ lots of memories gather around you “ you have been a dear friend and family. We love you always. Your work here is done; and now your reward. To be welcomed by our savior to eternal life whole and strong. Thanking God for a beautiful life, who touched and helped many people. We will miss you “ mountaineer “ until we meet again .*

susan hite - December 18, 2018 at 10:04 AM



“ *Susan, Lisa, Chad And Samantha purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Shirley Patrick Hite.*



Susan, Lisa, Chad And Samantha - December 18, 2018 at 09:21 AM

MW

“ *Rest in peace hero and friend. For over 50 years I had the privilege of knowing you, boating with you, working for you (scary rides to the mines with you or Dad driving), and, for many of those years, feeling I was part of your family. Prayers for Steve, Chris, Cindy and the all the family/friends touched by this loss. You enriched my life and the lives of so many...thank you for being a proud yet humble member of 'The Greatest Generation' and your continued service throughout your lifetime. Blessings...*

Mike Ware - December 18, 2018 at 08:32 AM

SG

“ *Steve, Michael and Courtney,*

Although I never met your father/grandfather, he was one of the extended family that I felt I "knew" through my conversations with Linda. I know that he was a good father and grandfather and Linda respected him very much. I'm very sorry for your loss and will keep you in my thoughts and prayers. Due to family commitments here, I won't be able to attend the viewing or the service but will be with you in spirit. May you rejoice in his memory.

Sandy Garrison

Sandra Garrison - December 18, 2018 at 12:15 AM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Shirley Patrick Hite.*



December 17, 2018 at 09:56 PM

KH

“ Dear Cindy & Bob, Chris & Patsy, Steve, - I am so sorry for your loss. I hope you take comfort in the good memories and in knowing how much your care for your Dad & Father-in-Law, especially during the long hours of illness, means. I pray your children and their spouses and the great grandchildren will hold sweet memories of the times you all shared with your Dad. I honor him and your Mom for giving you all to this world and I honor him for his service to our Country and his community. God bless you all. Love, Kimberly Honaker



Kimberly Honaker - December 17, 2018 at 08:11 PM



“ Sacred Duty Spray was purchased for the family of Shirley Patrick Hite.



December 17, 2018 at 07:54 PM

DM

“ You were not just my mothers husband, but, for 32 plus years you were the best dad and pappy that my family and I could have asked for. Although things seem to fall apart after mom passed, I never stopped loving you and caring about you. REST IN PEACE PAP, I will forever cherish all of the wonderful years of memories with you and mom and all the vacations we took together. You are home with Mom now, please give her a big hug and kiss From me. Tell her I really need her help now 😭💔💔💔💔

debbe mckinney - December 16, 2018 at 10:32 PM