



## Bennie Ray White "Buddy"

October 22, 1950 - December 6, 2021

Bennie Ray (Buddy) White passed away Monday, December 6, 2021 at home in Varney, WV. Buddy was 71 and for two years has been fighting kidney failure and heart trouble. He was taking dialysis treatments three days a week. After graduating from Matewan high school in 1969, Buddy entered the U.S. Air Force, after service he worked in the coal mines for over 30 years. Buddy was a proud member of the UMWA Local 1440 in Matewan, WV. Although he had mine foreman papers in WV and KY, he chose to stay in the union. He loved to watch the Matewan Tigers and Mingo Miners and was for all of the local teams as long as they weren't playing Matewan or Mingo. He loved traveling and he had been in every state in the U.S. plus many other countries. His favorite baseball team was the Big Red Machine, and Pete Rose was his Favorite player. Buddy is preceded in death by his father Ben White, sister, Linda White and his brother Bobby White. He is survived by his mother Ruby White of Varney, WV, brother, Danny White of Varney, WV, sisters, Joyce Upton of Jeffersonville, OH, and Patty Browning of Wellston, OH. Buddy had several nieces, nephews, and cousins who loved him dearly. One special great niece Alivia Faith Simpkins, whom he called out many times "that's my girl". Funeral services will be held Friday December 10, at 1:00pm, at the Fundamental Christian Church at Varney WV, with Pastor Jay West, Rev. Bill Snodgrass, Pastor Barry Lester, and Bro Charles Browning officiating. Burial will follow in the White Family Cemetery, Varney, WV. Visitation will be at the Chafin Funeral Home Chapel Thursday December 9,

2021 from 6-9pm. Chafin Funeral Home is proudly serving the family.

# Cemetery Details

## White Family Cemetery

Varney , WV

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC 9. 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

Chafin Funeral Home  
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# Tribute Wall



“ *Bennie Ray White "Buddy"*

November 21, 2022 at 02:05 PM



“ *I just heard about my friend today 12-14-21. Buddy and I traveled many times to Old Ben together and had many memories together he was a fine man. I can still see in my mind Buddy playing basketball with us at the old Red Jacket Gym we had a lot of special times together a true friend that will be missed....Rest in peace my friend!.....Randy Carter*

**Randy Carter** - December 15, 2021 at 07:08 AM



“ *I loved my Buddy so Deep and true. He always was there for me. We talked and called each other. And he let me know each trip he would take. The last time I heard from him he was taking care of his beloved Mother.. Sending love and Prayers to his Mother, Brothers, (Danny White), And Sisters..I remember yrs ago Danny Aaron was his Hero. He took me to a reds game in 1989 had a blast and met Pete Rose. Buddy you will be missed. Love you ole Friend. will always Cherish our Friendship Billie Sanders Penney*

**Billie** - December 11, 2021 at 02:08 AM



“ *Frank-Tammy Ferguson lit a candle in memory of Bennie Ray White "Buddy"*



**Frank-Tammy Ferguson** - December 08, 2021 at 06:50 AM

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“ Sue Light lit a candle in memory of Bennie Ray White "Buddy"



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**Sue Light** - December 07, 2021 at 02:24 PM

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**Sue Light** - December 07, 2021 at 02:23 PM