



James Benny Chafin

January 20, 1926 - January 10, 2014

Just after midnight on January 10, 2014, James Benny Chafin passed from this life as his only son, Jimmy, held his hand. Although Benny had been ill for some time, his condition became grave during the fall of last year. He entered Heaven and found his beloved Ruth, to whom he had been married for 61 years, waiting for him.

Born to Joe and Cassie Chafin of Newtown, West Virginia, on January 20, 1926, Benny was a devoted brother to Troy Chafin, Booker Chafin, Billy Chafin, Cleo Hammond, Ruth Coyer, and Okey Simpkins, who is the only sibling to survive him. He is also survived by a number of nieces and nephews: Mary Catherine Burgess, Margie Perry, Faye Dotson, Junior Vaggott, Elenor Simpkins, Tab Simpkins, Joy Chafin, Hershel Coyer, Susie Chafin, Patricia Hatfield, Will M. Smith, Michael Smith, Mitzi Smith Farley, Tommy Lowe, and Mark Lowe. Also surviving him is one grandchild, Jessica Farley Evans. A number of other relatives and friends are saddened by his passing as well.

Benny was the epitome of the hard-working coal miner, having toiled in a number of capacities for more than 40 years. A source of pride for him and for his family was his service to the Marines in the Pacific during World War II. Talented at constructing just about anything he set his mind to, Benny often helped his family and others in creative ways. After his retirement from the coal mines, he set about building apartments for his family and his sister-in-law. Devoting his days to the task, he finished in several years. Though he

was retired, he was a man who believed in staying busy at whatever he found worthy to do.

Jimmy, his son, has asked that there be no flowers given in memory of his father. He asks, instead, that those who wish to memorialize Benny make an offering to The Regional Church of God, P.O. Box 236, Delbarton, West Virginia 25670. Seeking to honor Benny's wishes, the immediate family will have a private service in his remembrance.

Tribute Wall



“ *James Benny Chafin*

November 21, 2022 at 02:05 PM



“ *Super Chaf, Bill, Mike, Mitzi, Jess so sorry about your loss. Loved uncle Benny as my own. Miss our fishing trips. Love you all*

David Warden - January 30, 2014 at 04:07 PM



“ *In all the years working and living in Delbarton Ruth and Benny were two of the nicest people I ever met. They always had a smile and kind word and would help you anyway possible. They were always looking out for their fellow man. I have missed them over the years and thought of them often. RIP Benny..Ruth is waiting for you.*

Greta Cline - January 13, 2014 at 01:14 PM



“ *Jimmy, so sorry for your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with you and the rest of your family.*

Kathy Thompson - January 12, 2014 at 07:58 PM



“ *Mr Benny was always polite towards me, I'm sadden with his passing. The family is in my prayer's. R.I.P.*

Richard Gravely - January 12, 2014 at 06:59 PM

ST

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you. Delbarton has lost a true neighbor and friend. I hope you all know how much my family thought of Benny. God Bless.

Sheila (Davis) Trippett - January 12, 2014 at 05:43 PM

CD

“ Hated to hear of Benny's passing, he was a mainstay of the town of Delbarton. Always had a kind word and will be missed greatly by all that knew him. We want you to know our thoughts and prayers are with you all.

clifford davis - January 12, 2014 at 05:39 PM

JB

“ So sorry Jimmy for your loss and heartfelt sympathy to the rest of the family. You know we're here for you all.

Jerry and Shannon Baisden - January 12, 2014 at 05:39 PM

RC

“ My heart goes out to the family of Mr. Chafin. He was one of the sweetest men you could ever meet. Mrs. Ruth Chafin was my 4th grade teacher back in the 80's; I loved her to pieces. I used to stop and talk to both Mr. and Mrs. Chafin as they walked around the Town of Delbarton. I thought the world of both. Mr. Chafin will definitely be missed. R.I.P.

Rachel Chambers-Bowen - January 12, 2014 at 05:01 PM

LC

“ So sorry to hear about Benny's passing. Praying for all of you!

Letha Adkins Coleman - January 12, 2014 at 04:20 PM

GT

“ *R.I.P. Benny you truly will be missed!!!!*

Gary Troute - January 12, 2014 at 08:54 AM

JH

“ *Jimmy and Family, we are praying for peace and comfort in your days of sorrow. We thought the world of Benny; he was so kind to many people. Love you all.*

Juan and Rita Hatfield - January 11, 2014 at 09:02 PM

SF

“ *Sid Ferrell has sent this Expressions of Sympathy card.*

Sid Ferrell - January 11, 2014 at 08:59 PM