



## Ray Hardy Curry

June 5, 1930 - March 28, 2020

Ray Hardy Curry, 89, went home to be with the Lord and the love of his life, Helen Smith Curry, on Saturday, March 28, 2020.

Born June 5, 1930, and raised on Elk Creek Road in Delbarton, WV, he was the son of Greenway and Mahulda (Farley) Curry, a well-known pioneer family of Elk Creek. Ray attended Burch High School and started his career with Island Creek Coal Company at the early age of eighteen where he continued to work with the company for over 40 years.

On March 7, 1950, he married Helen Smith of Williamson, WV and they made their home on Elk Creek for the remainder of their lives. Ray was the devoted father of two Sons, Richard Keith Curry and the late David Ray Curry who passed away in an accident on July 12, 1980. He was the very proud grandfather of three grandsons, Billy Ray (LeeAnn) Curry, David Ray Curry, Michael Jonathan Curry; one granddaughter, Chelsey Rae Curry; and two great-grandchildren, Autumn Grace Curry and Benjamin Keith Curry.

Since 1951, Ray was an active member of Connolly Memorial Baptist Church where he served as Trustee and is one of only two ever to be recognized as an Honorary Trustee. He was an integral part of the Delbarton Fire Department for many years where he was a firefighter and on the Board of Directors. On September 3, 2016, he was given Honorary Lifetime Board Membership. For more than 50 years, Ray was a brother of the A.F.A.M. O'Brien Lodge No. 101, the Order of the Eastern Star Elizabeth Chapter No. 37, and UMWA of America Local No. 5817.

In addition to his parents, those preceding him in death are his beloved wife, Helen Smith Curry, son David Ray Curry, sisters Mable and Laura, and daughter-in-law Susan Ann Curry, who was the daughter he never had. Pallbearers include members of the Masonic Lodge and Connolly Memorial Baptist Church. Honorary Pallbearers are Sid Ferrell, Michael Jarrell, Ted Warden, and Bill Endicott. Masonic Rites will be performed graveside. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, no public services will be held for Ray H. Curry. However, the family would like to honor him. On Wednesday, April 8th at 1:00 p.m., the procession will begin at Chafin Funeral Home in Delbarton, WV and end at the Farley Cemetery on Elk Creek Road. Friends of Ray can join or observe the processional while still respecting social distancing and CDC guidelines. Please allow immediate family only at the gravesite. Chafin Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements. Online Condolences can be made at [chafinfuneralhome.com](http://chafinfuneralhome.com).

# Tribute Wall



“ *Ray Hardy Curry*

November 21, 2022 at 02:05 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Ray Hardy Curry.*



April 07, 2020 at 12:11 PM



“ *So many great memories of Ray and Helen....Ray was the nicest, all around best person. I spent a lot of time with them over the years, growing up with David Ray and Richard. You were always made to feel welcome at their home.*

*Jim D Farley  
and  
Rhonda Farley*

**Jim** - April 06, 2020 at 03:14 PM



“ *Jim & Rhonda Farley lit a candle in memory of Ray Hardy Curry*



**Jim & Rhonda Farley** - April 06, 2020 at 03:09 PM

JS

“ James And Wilma Sebolt lit a candle in memory of Ray Hardy Curry



James and Wilma Sebolt - April 01, 2020 at 03:18 PM

RC

“ Rose Canterbury lit a candle in memory of Ray Hardy Curry



Rose Canterbury - April 01, 2020 at 02:52 PM

RC

“ Richard Curry lit a candle in memory of Ray Hardy Curry



Richard Curry - April 01, 2020 at 11:44 AM

HH

Thinking of your family today.

Harold & Connie Hall - April 01, 2020 at 12:20 PM

JG

sorry for your loss, Prayers for your family

Joanne Graham - April 01, 2020 at 12:48 PM

MB

“ *Malena Browning lit a candle in memory of Ray Hardy Curry*



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**Malena Browning** - March 31, 2020 at 09:05 PM