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Jerry "George" William Rhyne

April 26, 1942 - July 24, 2024

Jerry "George" William Rhyne, born April 26, 1942, age 82 of Glen Alpine, went to be with his Heavenly Father on July 24, 2024 after an extended period of declining health.

George is survived by his 3 sons: Alan (Vance), Keith and Richard Rhyne, his 5 grandchildren and 3 great grandchildren, brothers Kenneth Rhyne (Alice) of Glen Alpine, Patrick Rhyne (Gayle) of Fayetteville, sister Patricia Walker (Warren) of Leland and close neighbors and friends Cynthia and Josephine and the mother of his children Martha Lequire Hughes of Murphy.

Jerry was preceded in death by his parents Edith Campbell Rhyne of Saltville, VA and formerly of Valdese, his father Denver Finley Rhyne of Avery County, and brothers Claude (Bob) Campbell and Vance Jones.

George worked for the City of Morganton in the solid waste department and in the textile industry for over 30 years. He loved hunting and fishing and taught his 3 sons the sport of each. He always followed and supported his sons in sports and never missed a game. He was very proud of his sons, grandchildren and great grandchildren. He was an avid fisherman who some called the, "Mayor of the Spillway". George was not one for gossip and would lend a hand to anyone in need.

He lived a quiet life with his cats and often took day trips with his son Keith, who helped care for him at the end of his life. George will be missed by many, but especially his family, who suspect he entered the Gates of Heaven, only long enough to grab a fishing pole to head to the Eternal Lake for fishing and to catch up with those who had gone before him.

The family will hold a Celebration of Life service at a later date.

Sossoman Funeral Home and Crematory Center is assisting the family with the arrangements.

Tribute Wall



Jerry was a very important person in my life . I grieve his loss till this day, I cry for the thought of him being gone.. I miss him very very much . He was the best person god had granted me . Jerry helped me with getting to school, making sure I had food, had clothes on my back, made sure I was safe, taught me everything I know like fishing , hunting, morales , rules etc. I still remember the first time he took me fishing and I was a little girl in a green dress and he took a picture of me and my very first fish. He always supported me in every sport I did through the wins and losses. Jerry had a heart of gold for me and he felt so much as a grandpa to me . I was so devastated thinking through everything he was going to miss in my life growing up. I always imagined him in the stands of my graduation but I know he is in heaven to see me walk across the stage . Jerry was a very smart man and was the kindest person in this world and would help you with anything you needed . There is so many story's I could express with him and it makes me want to cry just typing this and I know I'm late to send this message so it hurts worse. Jerry will always be missed by me and when I pray I say goodnight to him , I love you Jerry .

–Josephine moore

Very sorry for your loss , may the Lord embrace you in His loving arms and show you peace during this time.

–Chris and Ottis Hightower

Most of my memories of Jerry were in our younger years when my sister and I would go to “Tater Town “ and spend a week or two with our cousins. Jerry was always around, though he never had much to say, keeping a watchful eye on us and his younger siblings. Jerry was a good soul. My heart goes out to his children, siblings, all family and friends, because I know you will miss him. Hold on to those loving happy memories. Cousin Sharon

–Sharon A Duncan

I grew up beside Jerry and watched his family grow up. He was a good man. He taught me how to fish and hunt. He also taught me how to drive I straight drive car on 105 mountain. George love to go trout fishing in Avery county and took me with him all the time. If there was ever a man that loved the outdoors, it was George. My deepest condolences to the family. David Meise

–David Meise



2 Cornthians 5:6 Therefore we are always confident, knowing that, whilst we are at home in the body, we are absent from the Lord:5:7 (For we walk by faith, not by sight)5:8 We are confident, I say, and willing rather to be absent from the body, and to be present with the Lord.5:9 Wherefore we labour, that, whether present or absent, we may be accepted of him.5:10 For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ; that every one may receive the things done in his body, according to that he hath done, whether it be good or bad. POP IS WITH THE LORD HE BELIEVED IN MY WORK FOR THE LORD HE WAS NOT AFRAID OF EVIL AND NOT AFRAID TO DIE ! HE LOVED

NOT AFRAID OF EVIL AND NOT AFRAID TO DIE ! HE LOVED HIS FAMILY! POP WOULD DO EVERYTHING TO HELP SOMEONE HE WOULD GIVE YOU THE SHIRT OFF HIS BACK ! Ecclesiastes 12:6 Or ever the silver cord be loosed, or the golden bowl be broken, or the pitcher be broken at the fountain, or the wheel broken at the cistern. 12:7 Then shall

the dust return to the earth as it was: and the spirit shall return unto God who gave it. We should mourn when one is born and rejoice when one passes ! POP TAUGHT ME HOW TO SURVIVE AND MAMA TAUGHT ME OF THE LORD ! LOTS OF PRECIOUS MEMORIES WITH POP AND HE SHOWED ME LOVE ACTIONS SPEAK LOUDER THAN WORDS ! Exodus 20:12 Honour thy father and thy mother: that thy days may be long upon the land which the LORD thy God giveth thee. LOVE YOU POP BUT GOD LOVES YOU MORE SEE YOU SOON POP YOUR OLDEST SON PASTOR VANCE! Thanks for all that PRAYED for POP he was used by our HEAVENLEY FATHER to bring many SOULS to the LORD JESUS !!! LORD BLESS LOVE PASTOR VANCE!
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–DADDY OLDEST SON VANCE ALAN RHYNE

My brother Jerry who I loved very much: Thank you very much for always being there for me when I was growing up. You were always so kind and caring. Thanks for rides to work when it was snowing and bad weather. For cooking trout for Esther and me and bring it to the Beauty Shop. For bringing Mom food and checking on her when I was out of town. You were so kind to everyone and a very humble man. I loved you so much and will miss you. Your sister Patty

–Patricia Walker

FAMILY IS A GIFT FROM GOD AND I HAD THE BEST DADAND MOM IN THE WORLD . MY POP WOULD HAVE DIED FOR HIS FAMILY .POP AND MOM HAD THREE SONS AND MY TWO BROTHERS ARE LEADERS JUST LIKE ME . I WAS

THREE SONS AND MY TWO BROTHERS ARE LEADERS JUST LIKE ME . I WAS THE OLDEST SON AND A FEW WEEKS BEFORE POP WENT TO HEAVEN I PRAYED FOR HIM AND KISSED HIS FOREHEAD AND TOLD HIM I LOVED HIM .HIS DEATH HAS HIT ME HARD .BUT I HAD SO MANY PRECIOUS MEMORIES WITH HIM .GOD BLESS YOU AND ALL THAT NEW POP BECAUSE MY POP

WOULD GIVE YOU THE SHIRT OF HIS BACK TO HELP SOMEONE IN NEED . POP HAD TWO MORE GREATGRANDKIDS ONE IN HEAVEN HE CAN MEET AND ONE MORE LITTLE GREATGRANDAGHTER IN THE WOMB OF MY BABYGIRL .SEE YOU DADDY SOON YOU WAS LOVED SO DEEP BY FAMILY BUT GOD LOVES YOU SO MUCH MORE !YOUR OLDEST SON PASTORVANCE.

—PASTOR VANCE RHYNE

Being stepfather to his three sons, I had opportunity while our family was together taking care of family business, to tell Jerry, that he had something to be very proud of and that was that he had three wonderful sons!!! Lord bless family in this time of loss, grief and celebration, Amen!!!

—Rocky Hughes



—Kellie

Many people knew my Pop but most will not know the hardship and struggles you endured. From your humble childhood with less than a 3rd grade education born in times where the struggle was real in Avery County NC (tater town) as a younger sibling where food was scarce but tough Love was abound. From the times where a special treat such as bowl of banana pudding as kid was heaven. Pop as your Youngest Son I felt your pain and heard about your struggles as you shared it with me and we lived it. Pop you endured and ended up with a family

legacy that will withstand time. You were there for me and so many others and as time goes by I hope each one has a moment to reflect when that moment was in there life.

—Richard Rhyne

My Uncle George was a very interesting individual to say the least . I will always love ,respect and admire him. He overcame several obstacles in his life that a lot of people will never accomplish . He taught me everything I know about hunting and fishing and poker . In his honor I have tried to pass it on to my son. I have many fond memories and experiences with him from my growing up teenage years . I will cherish that forever . He will be missed. I love George. Tell Edith Hello .

—Marty Walker