



## Cecil Carl Varney

January 29, 1947 - September 9, 2020

Cecil Carl Varney 73, Lovely, KY passed away on Thursday, September 10, 2020 at Cornerstone Hospital in Huntington, WV. He was born January 29, 1947 in Matewan, WV to the late Russell and Mary Lou Varney.

Cecil is survived by his loving wife, Medra Murphy; five children, Carl Varney of Dunbar, WV, Kamela (David) Keesor of Chapel Hill, SC, Christy (Josh) Messer and Robin Nicole Harmon of Lovely, KY, Adam (Jacqueline) Varney of Los Angeles, CA and five grandchildren, Corey Bailey, Mason Messer, Madison Messer, Christopher Keesor and McKenzie Keesor.

Along with being a Choir Director of the First Presbyterian Church of Williamson, Cecil was also a Director of the Tug Valley Choral Society, along with being a Board of Trustee for the Tug Valley Arts Council. He is a Lifetime member of the Rotary Club, and served as governor during 2015-16.

Funeral services will be held at the First Presbyterian Church, 29 West Sixth Ave, Williamson, WV on Monday, September 14, 2020 at 1:00pm with Pastor, Dr. Dale Carey officiating. Burial will follow at the Mountain View Memory Gardens in Maher, WV. Visitation will start one hour prior to services. Mask are required. Arrangements are under the direction of Callaham Funeral Home, Inez, KY.



# Previous Events

## Visitation

SEP 14. 12:00 PM (ET)

First Presbyterian Church  
29 West Sixth Ave  
Williamson, WV

## Service

SEP 14. 1:00 PM (ET)

First Presbyterian Church  
29 West Sixth Ave  
Williamson, WV

# Tribute Wall



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Cecil Carl Varney.*



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September 13, 2020 at 07:29 PM



“ *I am so sorry to hear the news of Cecil's passing. I have so many wonderful memories of Cecil. My heart goes out to each member of his family.*

*Helen Allara*

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**Helen Allara** - September 13, 2020 at 03:32 PM



“ *Cecil was a true friend and I will miss him.*

*Diane Shafer MD*

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**Dr. Diane Shafer** - September 13, 2020 at 03:25 PM



“ *Cecil was a great man and true friend. He will be missed by his many friends. My heartfelt condolences to the Varney family.*



*Henry Vinson*

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**Henry Vinson** - September 13, 2020 at 03:24 PM

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“ Cecil was a great attorney and a wonderful human being! When I was a new attorney in town, he was one of the few I felt comfortable asking questions about the nuts and bolts of the local practice; he was generous with his time and truly cared for and helped his clients. He cared for the arts council and worked for the betterment of his community. He never sought the limelight, but could easily have attained it had he cared to. I am so saddened to hear of his passing and my heart goes out to his family.

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**Tonya Hatfield** - September 13, 2020 at 12:03 AM

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“ My husband pastored First Presbyterian for eight years. He said that Cecil was the best music director of all the churches he served. Cecil made the music an integral part of worship, integrating it perfectly into the scriptures and the sermon. In many ways he was the heart of the church. He will be missed by everyone in the community. He was a wonderful person.

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**Mimi Duncan** - September 12, 2020 at 10:51 PM

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“ So saddened to hear this news. I worked with Cecil many times over the years. He was a wonderful man and a great asset to his profession and community. Praying for this family.

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**Angela Crigger** - September 11, 2020 at 11:00 AM

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“ Praying for God's Peace and Comfort!!



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**Anita Witten** - September 11, 2020 at 07:21 AM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Cecil Carl Varney.*



September 10, 2020 at 09:56 PM



“ *Sorry for this loss, prayers for his family .*



**AnnaMae Sartin** - September 10, 2020 at 08:49 PM



*So saddened to hear this news. Cecil was a great guy. I worked with him for many years. He was a great attorney and asset to his profession and community. Praying for his family.*

**Angela Crigger** - September 11, 2020 at 10:56 AM



*The Tug Valley area will certainly miss Cecil. Condolences to Medra and all his family.*

**sherry Hatfield** - September 11, 2020 at 03:34 PM



*Cecil was a long time family friend. So sad to hear the news. He especially loved my mother, Phyllis May who was a very dear friend to his mother, Mary Lou. The last time I had the privilege of speaking with Cecil we shared a few memories of our mothers and their bond. He also shared a few stories about a road trip adventure he took with our mothers over 45 years ago. Please know the family is in our prayers, Linda(May) Smith and David*

**Linda Smith** - September 11, 2020 at 03:50 PM



*Cecil was my boss for 19 years, a true and understanding friend. I'll never forget his kindness to me and my family. Love and Prayers for his family.*

**Lynn Stepp** - September 12, 2020 at 06:17 AM

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*Love and sympathy to the family. I am so sorry, Medra. Praying for you and all the family. He will be missed. ❤️🙏*

**Jane Fields** - September 12, 2020 at 06:37 AM

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*Rusty and I are saddened by your loss. We have so many happy memories. Dancing till dawn. going out for breakfast. Taking trips. Attending church together. And he had the greatest voice. Watching kids grow up. Dinners. MANY great memories. RIP dear friend.*

**Susan & Rusty Thompson** - September 12, 2020 at 06:38 AM



*Cecil was my high school band director at Matewan High School. He was a great teacher and mentor.*

**Mark Estep** - September 13, 2020 at 08:41 AM

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*Cecil was my Employer when he first started his Law Practice in 1979!! I had the privilege of working alongside him for over 13 yrs!! He was the Kindest and Sweetest man you'd ever know!! He not only was a Friend to many, but helped many people throughout his life!! He will be Missed by all of us!! Prayers for his Loving Family!!*

**Anita Witten** - September 13, 2020 at 10:15 AM