



## Woodrow Baisden

January 5, 1923 - January 11, 2016

Woodrow Baisden, 93, of Breedon, WV passed away Monday morning, January 11, 2016 at St. Mary's Hospital in Huntington, WV. He was born on January 5, 1923 in Marrowbone, WV to Eliza Baisden and Robert Sturgill.

Woodrow is survived by his daughters Deloris (Andy) Perry of Columbus, OH; Linda (Barry) Hughes of Groveport, OH; Wanda (Charles) Pollinger of Ft. Gay, WV; Sheila Baisden of Gahanna, OH; and Teresa (Keith) Bare of Columbus, OH; sons Woodrow Baisden, Jr. and Odell (Deana) Baisden, both of Breedon, WV; and sons-in-law Albert Perry of Dunlow, WV and Kevin King of Galloway, OH.

He is also survived by 19 grandchildren; 37 great-grandchildren; many great-great grandchildren; step-grandchildren and step-great-grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his wife of 67 years Alma, his daughters Minerva Perry, Juanita Baisden, Rita King, and infant daughter Virginia; and granddaughter Rosella (Perry) Whitt. He was also preceded in death by his siblings Edith (Baisden) Chafins, Lee (Bus) Baisden, Ott Baisden, Robert Dillon, Ken Sturgill, and Georgie (Sturgill) Martinez.

Though he tried three times to enlist in the army during World War II, he was

turned down each time due to an enlarged heart. Instead he served in the 3 C's, The Civilian Conservation Corp. for 6 months in 1941. Upon returning to Mingo County, he married the love of his life, Alma Collins in September 1942, and they started their family together. Woodrow was self-employed for awhile and worked for the coal mines in Kistler, WV, before accepting a job at Buckeye Steel in Columbus, OH. He worked there until 1963 when he accepted a job to oversee and operate the natural gas compressor station and line network for Burchett Oil and Gas.

In 1969 he also took on another job, that of being a school bus driver for Mingo County schools in order to feed and provide for his growing family. A large explosion at the compressor station in June, 1977, in which Woodrow was severely burned and nearly killed, forced him to retire from both those jobs in 1980. He wasn't one to sit around, however, and soon he and Alma were volunteering at the Senior Citizens' Center and food bank. He was director there for about 11 years.

He was commissioned a Kentucky Colonel in December 1999, and was a member of the Silver Haired Legislature for many years.

Woodrow was loyal, funny, very hardworking, generous, and extremely honest. He loved his family, his friends, his community, the Smoky Mountains, and politics. He was always happy to see you, and if you ever needed help, he would help you in any way he could.

Friends can pay their respects on Wednesday from 6:00-9:00 p.m. at the Richmond-Callaham Funeral Home in Warfield, KY and on Thursday from 4:00-11:00 p.m. at the Welcome Home Church in Jenny's Creek, WV, where he was a member. The funeral will be Friday at 1:00 p.m. at the Welcome Home Church with Rev. Daniel Perry presiding. Burial will be at the Woodrow and Alma Baisden Family Cemetery in Breedon, WV. Arrangements are under

the direction of the Richmond-Callaham Funeral Home in Inez, Kentucky.

# Cemetery Details

## Baisden Cemetery

Kermit, WV

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 13. 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

Callaham Funeral Home, Warfield Location  
51 Riverfront Rd.  
Warfield, KY 41267  
(606) 298-3501  
kellycallaham@yahoo.com

## Visitation

JAN 14. 3:00 PM - 11:00 PM (ET)

Welcome Home Church  
Kermit, WV

## Service

JAN 15. 1:00 PM (ET)

Welcome Home Church  
Kermit, WV

# Tribute Wall

SM

“ Sue Sheppard Metzger lit a candle in memory of Woodrow Baisden



Sue Sheppard Metzger - January 17, 2016 at 03:25 PM

MS

“ No one can prepare you for a loss; it comes like a swift wind. However, take comfort in knowing that he is now resting in the arms of our Lord. My deepest condolence to you and your family.

Malvena Street

Malvena Street - January 14, 2016 at 10:14 AM

Kathy Cochran

“ He was a very good man i really loved him he was very good to me and my kids and he really going to be missed Rip Woodrow you will always be in my heart and in my thoughts God Bless you




Kathy Cochran - January 14, 2016 at 07:56 AM

Barb Spurlock

“ Sorry for yor lost from the Spurlock family



Barb Spurlock - January 14, 2016 at 01:44 AM

 Dawn Spurlock

“ *Dawn Spurlock lit a candle in memory of Woodrow Baisden*



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**Dawn Spurlock** - January 13, 2016 at 11:55 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Woodrow Baisden.*



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January 13, 2016 at 10:27 PM

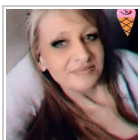


“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Woodrow Baisden.*



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January 13, 2016 at 01:33 PM



“ *Jolene Muncy lit a candle in memory of Woodrow Baisden*



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**Jolene Muncy** - January 13, 2016 at 01:28 PM

BC

“ I am so sorry he is so dear to me I will miss him so much and I am here if I can help any of you feel free to call love you all

**Bonnie Chafins Canter** - January 13, 2016 at 01:22 PM

BC

“ Bonnie Chafins Canter lit a candle in memory of Woodrow Baisden



**Bonnie Chafins Canter** - January 13, 2016 at 01:19 PM

IM

“ Irene Marcum lit a candle in memory of Woodrow Baisden



**Irene Marcum** - January 13, 2016 at 01:17 PM

AY

“ My prayers are with your family.

**Alice Yoerger** - January 13, 2016 at 11:21 AM

SB

sorry for your loss Odell, prayers for your family's comfort

**sue ball** - January 13, 2016 at 05:05 PM

MP

“ So sorry for your loss. I always liked Mr. Baisden as we called him. Praying God's peace surround you. Love and Prayers, Melanie Preece

Melanie Preece - January 13, 2016 at 11:17 AM

DL

“ Debbie Mccoy Lee lit a candle in memory of Woodrow Baisden



Debbie Mccoy Lee - January 12, 2016 at 10:55 PM

VW

“ Violet Kirk White sent a virtual gift in memory of Woodrow Baisden



violet kirk white - January 12, 2016 at 10:54 PM

KA

“ Karah lit a candle in memory of Woodrow Baisden



Karah - January 12, 2016 at 09:56 PM

KA

“ *Karah And Austa lit a candle in memory of Woodrow Baisden*



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**Karah and Austa** - January 12, 2016 at 09:55 PM

SA

“ *Remembering that summer day when he had Deana and Chey to bring him by the house so he could take the girls to Bob Evans for "dinner with papaw Woodrow"...Such a loving soul...Thanks for the memories..*

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**Stef, Karah and Austa** - January 12, 2016 at 09:52 PM

JU

“ *Judypreece lit a candle in memory of Woodrow Baisden*



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**judypreece** - January 12, 2016 at 09:20 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Woodrow Baisden.*



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January 12, 2016 at 08:12 PM

WN

“ So sorry for your loss. Woodrow was a great man & highly thought of by many. My thoughts & prayers go out to the family.

Wanda Meade Newsome - January 12, 2016 at 08:10 PM

SC

“ Sorry of the loss of Woodrow, always a nice man ,prayers for this family .



Sandra Hensley Colegrove - January 12, 2016 at 07:37 PM

LC

“ Love and Prayers for Comfort and Peace for the Family. I know it has been a very difficult past few weeks for you all. Woodrow will be fondly remembered and sadly missed. He has always been a great person and it is a great loss not only to family and friends but to the community. Sad to see the Greatest Generation of people leaving us behind. So many of the loved ones and friends that we all have grown up with in our little community have gone home. Rest In Peace Until We Meet Again.



Lisa Kirk Canterbury - January 12, 2016 at 07:24 PM

Doris Parsley Workman

*Praying for the family*

Doris Parsley Workman - January 12, 2016 at 08:41 PM

SH

“ Sharon Hager lit a candle in memory of Woodrow Baisden



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**Sharon Hager** - January 12, 2016 at 06:16 PM

EF

“ From the Evans family formerly of Breeden. Just wanted to say we have only good memories of Woodrow. He was kind and always helped anyone who needed it.



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**Evans family** - January 12, 2016 at 05:56 PM

RM

“ From the Mullins family



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**Rachel Mullins** - January 12, 2016 at 04:42 PM

TB

“ Tom Dooley & Delores Brewer lit a candle in memory of Woodrow Baisden



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**Tom Dooley & Delores Brewer** - January 12, 2016 at 04:41 PM

TB

*Woodrow was a good friend to us. So sorry to hear of his passing. Love ya Jeremy sending our prayers to you all..*

**Tom Dooley & Delores Brewer** - January 12, 2016 at 04:42 PM



“ *You will be greatly missed! I love you uncle Woodrow!* ”



**Pauletta Phillips** - January 12, 2016 at 04:32 PM

TF

“ *The Fields Family lit a candle in memory of Woodrow Baisden* ”



**The Fields Family** - January 12, 2016 at 04:25 PM