



Ervin "Bert" Finley

Ervin "Bert" Finley passed away at the age of 87 the evening of March 15, 2014 at Emogene Dolin Jones Hospice House in Huntington, WV. Bert died five days after the death of his beloved wife of 65 years, Berdenia "Dean" Shy Finley. Theirs was the truest marriage of love and devotion – they were each other's best friend for all of these years. Bert was born with severe club feet in 1926, and when he was two years old in 1928, he had experimental surgery to swap the bones between his right and left legs. It was a complete success and young Bert became the actual poster child for March of Dimes. The surgery was such a success that by all accounts, Bert became a fabulous jitterbug dancer as an adult. Bert served in the U.S. Air Force during WWII as a maintenance engineer for the famous B-29 Superfortress planes, two of which (Enola Gay and Bockscar) carried the Little Boy and Fat Man atomic bombs that ended the war in the Pacific. Immediately following the War, Bert spent three months in the midst of the testing by the United States of its atomic weapons during Operation Crossroads in the Marshall Islands, during which time he was repeatedly exposed to atomic radiation. Following his discharge from the military after the Korean War, Bert and Dean lived in Huntington before moving to Columbus, OH where Bert drove 18-wheeler semis for almost 30 years – he received an award for driving more than a million miles without an accident. Bert and Dean moved back to Huntington 25 years ago to retire and to be near family; he was a member of the American Legion and Masonic Lodges in Huntington. Bert was born to Esther Queen

Finley and Brady Finley, Sr. on October 18, 1926 in Wayne County, WV. He is survived by his sister Charlotte Finley Weaver and by his brother Brady Finley, Jr.; by a host of sisters and brothers-in-law of the Shy Family and by numerous nieces and nephews and cousins. He was preceded in death by his sisters Ruth Finley Gravely and Fanny "Penny" Finley King and by his brother Dallas Finley, and also by his brothers-in-law Tennis Gravely and Norm Weaver, Sr. Funeral services will be held on Saturday, March 22, 2014 at 12:00 noon at White Chapel Gardens in Barboursville, with a lunch reception immediately following at Tascali's Pasta & Grill located at 6007 U.S. Route 60 in Barboursville. In lieu of flowers, the family wishes that any donations be made to the Emogene Dolin Jones Hospice House at 3100 Staunton Road in Huntington, WV 25702.

Tribute Wall

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“ Upon reading the online obituaries and seeing the double loss your family has suffered, it may be comforting to know that others, even some you may not know, are thinking of your family at this most difficult time. Proverbs 17:22 says "a joyful heart is good medicine", therefore, may precious memories bring you joy and warm your heart. Our loving Heavenly Father has promised that soon all pain and sorrow associated with death will be a thing of the past. Revelation 21:4 states "and he (God) will wipe out every tear from their eyes, and death will be no more". The tears spoken of here are not tears of happiness and joy, but tears of mourning, outcry, sorrow, suffering and pain. 1 John 4:8 states God IS love. It is that love that moved Him to send his only begotten son, so those who have fallen asleep in death, might have the hope of the resurrection, and that hope is found at Acts 24:15. And, did you know that the hope and promises found in these Scriptures are guaranteed? That guarantee is found at Titus 1:2 where it states "God cannot lie". May Jehovah, the Father of tender mercies and God of all comfort, who comfort us in all our trials (2 Corinthians 1:3,4), comfort you in your time of need. (tallchea@att.net)

Laura C - April 18, 2014 at 12:00 AM

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“ Uncle Bert and Aunt Dean will be Missed so much, not just By Me, My Whole Family. They were Our first stop when we went down and Our last stop when we left. Many, Many hours of talking and some crying. Now The Final, Never Ending Chapter of Their Love Together has Begun. Can't Wait to see them again.

Karen Sue

Karen Sue - March 24, 2014 at 12:00 AM