



William D. Merial 67, Fairplain

FAIRPLAIN - William D. "Bill" Merial, 67, of Fairplain, passed away the morning of June 19, 2008, following a long but courageous battle with cancer.

He was born August 19, 1940, a son of the late Romie and Dorothy Merial.

He attended Sissonville High School for two years before moving to Jackson County and graduating from Ripley High School in 1958. Besides working construction, he was a cattle farmer for much of his life and also hauled cattle and worked at the stock market. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army. He loved nature, coin collecting, coffee with friends, and his family.

Survivors include his daughters Stephanie Merial and Stacey Haynes and husband Tim; grandsons Logan, Jordan, Brandon and Austin Shamblin; step-grandsons Jonathan Haynes and wife Diane and Josh Haynes; brother Charles Merial and wife Joanne; nieces Kelly Lopez and husband John and Kristy Merial and great-nephews Gavin and Conner Lopez.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his wife, Lynn Skeen Merial.

Funeral services were held Sunday, June 22 at Parsons-WaybrightFuneralHome,Ripley, with John Gunther recalling precious memories, Reverend Charles Hicks conducting the service and friend Chuck Bowles singing. Interment followed at the Fairplain Cemetery.