



George Wesley Swearingen

November 24, 1936 - February 22, 2019

George Wesley Swearingen, 82, of Mt. Zion Community, passed away at his home on Friday, February 22, 2019. He was born on November 24, 1936, in Fairmont, a son of the late Kenneth L. Swearingen and Naomi (Reeves) Swearingen.

After graduating East Fairmont in 1955, George proudly served his country in the United States Navy on the USS Norfolk for four years and later went on to work as a machinist at North American Philips; he was a 32nd Degree Mason, a member of A.F.&A.M at Masonic Lodge #9 in Fairmont, volunteered with both Emmaus Community and KAIROS, a member of the Marion County Farm Bureau, a lifelong member at Mt. Zion United Methodist Church, and worked closely with Meals on Wheels. He will be remembered for his love of farming, camping, hunting, woodworking for family, making homemade ice cream, but especially for spending time with his kids, grandkids, and great-grandkids. George deeply loved his wife, Shirley, and God.

George is survived by his devoted wife of 63 years, Shirley (Goff) Swearingen.

George is also survived by daughters: Sharon (John) Bowman, Rose Marie (Jim) Henderson, Wendy (Ronnie) Hayhurst, all of Fairmont; grandchildren: Shannon (Chris Pratt) Barkley; Michele (Mike) Layman, Jeremy (Heather) Hayhurst, Mandy (David Watkins) Bowman, Jennifer (Josh) Staley, Audra (Thomas) Melton, Angi Henderson, Kelly (Adam) Musgrove; and great-grandchildren: Kaitlyn, Makayla, Kelcie, Kyle, Cody, Hailey, Emma, Lily, Josie, Marcus, Parker, Kendal, Ava, Nash, and Baby Elizabeth on the way; and brother, Richard "Dick" Swearingen, of California.

In addition to his parents, George was preceded in death by sister, Ruth Baumann; and brothers: Paul, Bob, Chuck, and Jim Swearingen.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to the charity of your choice.

Family and friends are welcome to call at Carpenter and Ford Funeral Home, 209

Merchant St., Fairmont on Monday from 2 p.m. – 8 p.m.; and on Tuesday at Mt. Zion United Methodist Church from 10 a.m. – 11 a.m., with services starting at Mt. Zion UMC at 11:00 a.m. with Pastors Randy Vincent and Claude Kinty officiating. Interment will follow at Mt. Zion Cemetery. Graveside Masonic Rites will be conducted by A.F. & A.M. Masons of Fairmont Lodge No. 9.

Cemetery

Mt. Zion Cemetery

Mt. Zion Rd.

Fairmont, WV, 26554

Events

FEB **Visitation** 02:00PM - 08:00PM

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Carpenter and Ford Funeral Home

209 Merchant Street, Fairmont, WV, US, 26554

FEB **Visitation** 10:00AM - 11:00AM

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Mt. Zion United Methodist Church

Mt. Zion Road, Fairmont, WV, US, 26554

FEB **Service** 11:00AM

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Comments



“ Dear Shirley, I have fond memories of our mission trip to Nicaragua, with you and George along. You were a special couple and loved by all who went. It was obvious that it was not just you and George, but God was always a part of who you were. His light certainly did shine through the two of you. I count it a privilege to have known you both and to have had the time to spend with you. Please know I send my love, and that I will be praying that God will give you His love and peace as you go through this most difficult time. Please give my sincere sympathy to your family also. Love you, Pat Sourbeer

Pat Sourbeer - February 27, 2019 at 12:15 AM



“ 1 file added to the album Memories Album



brenda swearingen - February 25, 2019 at 07:33 AM



“ I remember George at homecomings at mt.zion and the icecream. Shirley was a real sweetie.
from Joe Heiskell in Cleveland Ohio

Joe Heiskell - February 24, 2019 at 09:44 PM



“ Uncle George will be missed by many, but I know I will see him again in Heaven. He had the best hugs to give others, so sincere and loving.

One special memory I have is when George and Shirley and his brother Bob and Lorene came to stay with us when they were visiting their sister, my mother, Ruth. We were not home when they arrived so after finding a kitchen window partially opened, George went to our shop and fashioned a tool to lift the wooden block so the window could be opened. Then George proceeded to climb through the window and open the door for the others, making themselves at home. His smile was contagious.

Our love and prayers to Aunt Shirley and family.

Bobbi and Dick Strom

Bobbi Strom - February 23, 2019 at 10:10 PM



“ George’s love of the Lord shined from his eyes and in the genuine kindness he showed to all he met. I have many happy memories of working with him at Emmaus - especially him making pancakes. I also always appreciated him taking care of any issues that came up in the kitchen - and sometimes there were many. I was blessed to have known him.

With love to Shirley and the family, Jan Smith

Jan Smith - February 23, 2019 at 09:27 PM



“ I will not forget the times spent with George. Will miss him coming to the Emmaus camp to make pancakes. Heaven is more dear today. Love you Shirley
Dale Shockey

Dale Shockey - February 23, 2019 at 12:40 PM



“ An amazing Uncle. I have the most wonderful memories of him and spending time on the farm. Thank you for sharing your life in such a beautiful way. Judy

judy - February 23, 2019 at 10:24 AM



“ May the love of God surround you and your family during this difficult time,
May you come to know that the love of God is with you always,

May your memories of George Wesley Swearingen, give you peace, comfort and strength...

Rest now in the arms of our Lord your mission on earth is complete.
I thank you for your service to our Country and my Freedom. You will not be forgotten.

My thoughts
and prayers to the family of

US Navy Veteran, George Wesley Swearingen, is “A True American Hero” God Bless†

† Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends.
John 15:13 †

Cheryl J Skinner, WV Patriot Guard - February 23, 2019 at 10:10 AM



“ We are so sorry we could be with the family in the time of need. George and Shirley was always with us when we needed help. Lots of love and prayers to al the family

Jim Huffman - February 23, 2019 at 08:48 AM



“ We are praying for you all.
Heaven has your dear George now.
He was such a wonderful man. Kind, and so good. I see his smile.
Geez, I had so many questions for Mt. Hope still. I loved when he told me farm stories.
What a shock. I can't believe it's true. One day he was here, and the next, gone.
May God hold you close.



Terri & Donny - February 22, 2019 at 09:32 PM



“ He was a great father, uncle, friend to all. I will miss his gentle West Virginia manner. Love and to the Swearingen clan for our dear George.

Michael Swearingen - February 22, 2019 at 06:12 PM



“ Shirley and girls, I have such fond memories of George from Mt Zion. Truly Heaven has gained an Angel today. May God comfort you and give you peace.

Pam Watkins Harris

Pam Watkins Harris - February 22, 2019 at 05:44 PM



“ Knowing George has been a great blessing in Brenda and my lives. He was a great hunting buddy, and was a living example of how God wants us to live our lives. Spending time with him at the farm and at our camp was always the highlight of our year. We were honored that he was our friend.

Scott Swearingen - February 22, 2019 at 05:31 PM



“ Uncle George was the sweetest man. He loved his family more than anything. He and my father were the best of friends and he was there for me when my Dad was passing. His smile and laugh is what I remember the most. But I can't forget the wonderful homemade ice cream. A Swearingen special.

Deborah Howe - February 22, 2019 at 04:28 PM



“ I will miss his hugs - He knew how to hug AND the love that shone in his eyes for his family. He was a wonderful cousin and a man who loved the Lord Jesus Christ. He was an example for all who knew him.

Debra (Swearingen) Sheffer - February 22, 2019 at 04:14 PM



“ So sorry fo your loss. I knew George my entire life. He certainly was a kind gentleman.

Lorraine DeLaReintrie - February 22, 2019 at 03:25 PM



“ Wendy so sorry for your loss sending hugs and prayers to you and all your family

Kathleen Harr - February 22, 2019 at 04:12 PM



“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you during this most difficult time. Marion County Senior Citizens.

Vicki Nichols - February 22, 2019 at 02:50 PM