

Bernard Martin Staley

January 16, 1933 - September 23, 2013

Staley, Bernard Martin, age 80, of New Martinsville, WV, died Monday, September 23, 2013 at home.

He was born January 16, 1933 at Minnie, WV, the son of the late Cecil and Altia Yoho Staley.

Bernard was a 1953 graduate of Reader High School. He then served in the U.S. Marines and was stationed at the Pentagon in Washington, D.C. for 3 years. Upon returning home, he was employed by Phillips Lumber Co. as a bricklayer. Later he worked as a crane operator at Ormet Corp. and retired with 33 years of service.

He was also a member of the American Legion Post 28, New Martinsville. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a half-brother, Donald Yoho; and an adopted brother, David Utt.

Survivors include his wife of 57 years, Nancy Moellendick Staley; children, Joyce Ellen (Sergio) Salazar of Imperial Beach, CA, Mark Lewis (Lorie) Staley of New Martinsville, and John Matthew Staley of Moundsville; his dog, Spike; six grandchildren, Sarah Elena Salazar, Jessica Lynn Carroll, James Andrew Staley, Alison Marie Staley, Sean Martin Staley, and Derek Matthew Staley; 3 great grandchildren, Eric Marcus Carroll, Jackson Christopher Carroll and Lydia Staley; and 5 step grandchildren, Crystal Leann Shields, Ray Lee Smith, Melania Willey, and Armando and Brianna Salazar.

Family will receive friends on Thursday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at Grisell Funeral Home & Crematory, 751 Third Street, New Martinsville.

Services and interment in Fluharty Cemetery will be held at the convenience of the family.

Cemetery Details

Fluharty Cemetery

Fluharty Road
New Martinsville, WV

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP 26. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Grisell Funeral Home - New Martinsville
751 Third Street
New Martinsville, WV 26155
(304) 455-1800
<https://www.grisellfuneralhomes.com/>

Visitation

SEP 26. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Joyce Salazar lit a candle in memory of Bernard Martin Staley* ”



Joyce Salazar - August 03, 2014 at 01:11 PM



“ *I miss you dad* ”

mark staley - December 20, 2013 at 01:10 AM



“ *Joyce Salazar sent a virtual gift in memory of Bernard Martin Staley* ”



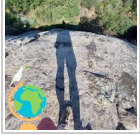
Joyce Salazar - October 20, 2013 at 03:05 PM



“ *Ray And Gay McNeely lit a candle in memory of Bernard Martin Staley* ”



Ray and Gay McNeely - September 28, 2013 at 01:52 PM



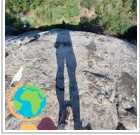
“ My cousin Rita Albury had a conversation with my dad the few days before he died. Quote, " I finally figured out that all these years I haven't been getting enough oxygen....that is why the bullship keeps rolling out!"

Joyce Salazar - September 28, 2013 at 11:37 AM



“ Bernard Martin Staley , my father,was not just mine. He was a friend, husband,uncle,father, grand father father in law, neighbor....so many things to many people.
He was a practical person who would put himself to work to build and repair, even clean up messes both physical and emotional.
continued.

Joyce Salazar - September 28, 2013 at 11:33 AM



“ *and clean up messes both physical and emotional. He was also a dreamer an intellectual. He loved to study history, science, philosophy and literature. One of his crazy dreams was to build a sailboat in the field behind the house. I saw his drawings and sketches of the plans and they were pretty good. He could fix tractors , build houses, design beautiful works of art in wood and even draw and paint. kind of. He loved deeply and truly his family and friends. He helped take care of his parents, wife and children no matter what.*

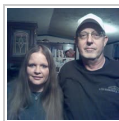
He balanced all of these various aspects of his personality in a way that was sane and always hopeful. My dad was and is special. At the same time his is everyman. He could be walking along down the street and strangers might look right through him and not see his greatness. There is a world , perhaps a universe of spirits out there like him that we don't know or acknowledge. My dad has not left us but has blended with that beautiful light and energy that hopefulness for love and kindness.....So when we look at the stars lets dream with dad when we are changing the oil in our car lets think of dad.....He is a profound and yet mundane, elegant and chaotic work of art. !!!!!

Joyce Salazar - September 28, 2013 at 11:31 AM

JC

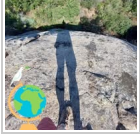
You are wonderful.

jessica staley carroll - September 28, 2013 at 03:28 PM



agreed

Lorie Staley - September 29, 2013 at 01:52 PM



“ *Joyce Salazar lit a candle in memory of
Bernard Martin Staley* ”



Joyce Salazar - September 28, 2013 at 11:17 AM

KC

“ My family is sending warm love and heart felt thoughts for everyone. Bernard was always very kind, welcoming, and considered special in my heart. I would travel to West Virginia with my mother Corena and dear brother David Utt many times regularly when I was very young through my growing years. My brother David was the 'light' in my life always, so making these trips were very positive and happy memories for me! At that time Cecil would show me his carvings and many times give me little wooden things he took pride in....I still have! Bernard welcomed me with open arms, a cheerful smile, and kind heart...I never forgot the hospitality that both Bernard and Nancy showed myself and brother David! (Thank you) As I had gotten older, Bernard had never forgotten me even though I lived in Youngstown and could not always make it down there....lucky for me there was facebook! (After years David passed, which was one of my hardest life battles.) I would still continue to stop there to pay respects to the family cemetery to visit my brother David which was very difficult emotionally. Bernard faithfully opened the door, continued to extend his warm welcomes to my kids and told me to be careful going up that mountain! No matter what the days held, Bernard made it full of smiles and contentment by the end of the day, it never felt that that years went by! Such an accepting man, never a harsh word, only good things he saw in people! The point is, Bernard always cared and was such a fine example of a quality person inside and out! To all of the family, I send my sincere sympathy for any sadness you feel and I am so very thankful & fortunate that we have crossed paths, you all have a spot in my heart and kid memories from family moments I remember growing up when I would visit with David and my mom. Bernard will be missed dearly and I believe he lives on in our hearts and through the lives he touched such as David and Mine! Please if you should need anything ever, feel free to call! I will try to be there at the calling hours tonight and hopefully see you! With loving wishes always. ~Kim Carolyne, 2347 W South Range Rd. North Lima, Oh. 44452, 330-727-5144 Kcarolyne@aol.com

Kimberly Carolyne - September 26, 2013 at 11:32 AM

MS

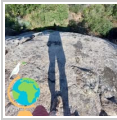
Thank you Kim for those kind words

mark staley - December 20, 2013 at 12:01 AM



“ *I am so sorry to hear of your loss. Bernard will always be remembered by me as a kind and gentle man who always had time to talk with me even as a child. What a loss for his family and friends. You are in my thoughts.*

Mark Fetty - September 25, 2013 at 03:50 PM



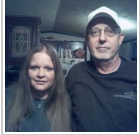
Thank you so much for your sentiment about my dad . All of the people who have commented have really helped us endure this shocking loss. Love Joyce Staley Salazar

Joyce Salazar - September 27, 2013 at 10:11 PM



“ *Bernard was a good man and he will be missed.I've known him since I was 17 and he always treated me as a member of the family.*
Robin

Robin Monahan - September 25, 2013 at 01:13 PM



“ I met my father-in-law 15 yrs. ago. He was according to Mark a hero. Mark would tell me stories about his dad and how he loved him so very much. Mark said that he wasn't the greatest kid but when he needed someone it was his father that would come to the rescue. Mark also told me the story about this kid that was walking on the wild side of the bridge. Bernard said if that was my kid i would blister his butt. Upon further review it was his son. Mark said that was the worse butt smacking he ever had. I loved listening to stories about how it was when he was growing up. A person could never be bored because he always had new stories every time he would talk to you. Bernard has touch my heart in so many levels. He was so soft spoken and I never seen him get excited over anything. I just wanted to say thanks for making Mark into the man that he is. And as long as I have your son I will always have a piece of you. You will sadly be missed but never forgotten..... love ya always your daughter-in-law Lorie

Lorie Staley - September 24, 2013 at 10:33 PM



“ *Lucy Utt lit a candle in memory of Bernard Martin Staley*



Lucy Utt - September 24, 2013 at 08:58 PM

LU

What can I say about this fine man? That he stepped in as a very young man to rescue my precious David when, as a baby, he'd been abandoned by his parents. That he loved him like his own even though they were not biologically related. That he continued to love David. That he grieved with us when David died. That he got David his first car (a little blue card, I understand) and his first snowsuit. That he stood by our kids and me when David died. That he asked me to sit with Granddad at Grandmother's funeral. That he loved his wife and kids honestly and completely. That he was always thrilled with his grandkids and ready to share the details of how each was growing and his or her accomplishments. That he could fix or build anything, just like Granddad. And my list of "thats" goes on and on and on. Nancy, Joyce, Mark, John, Sarah, Jess, Jim, Ali, Sean and Derek, you are privileged to have had the best man in the world as yours. Thank you from the depths of my spirit for sharing him with us.

Lucy Utt - September 24, 2013 at 09:22 PM

LU

And I did not mean to leave those wonderful great-grandkids out - Erik, Jack, Lydia and her soon to appear baby brother!

Lucy Utt - September 24, 2013 at 09:37 PM

JP

“ My sincere sympathies to the family. I met Bernard two years ago when my husband, Tom Pell, and I visited him and Nancy at their home. They were very gracious and welcoming to me as a new member of the family. My very best wishes and prayers to Nancy and all the children. Judith Pell, St. Clair Shores, MI.

Judith Pell - September 24, 2013 at 08:53 PM

CD

“ Joyce, Mark, and John.....I'm so sorry to hear of your Dad's passing. He was a great guy and helped folks in more ways than you'll ever know. If there's anything I can do for any of you or your Mom, please let me know. Prayers during this difficult time.....

Cyndi Tennant Dennis - September 24, 2013 at 08:12 PM

JS

“ Thanks to everyone's prayers and well wishes. I know he was loved by many, and a great dad. While being missed today, i understand there will be many times in the future i will miss 'the rock' that he was that i and others could always depend on. I can only hope to take away some of his genes and hope to be half the man he was. Thank you again Dad, Love you. John

John Staley - September 24, 2013 at 05:26 PM

JS

“ Beth Yoho
Joyce, I know you are probably still in a fog. I can't begin to tell you how deeply saddened I am. Your dad was a wonderful man, they just don't make them like that anymore! I'm glad you were able to spend time with your dad before his passing. You'll cherish those days for the rest of your life. They will be bitter-sweet memories, but cherished nonetheless.
As it stands, it doesn't look like will be able to make it to WV. Please keep in mind, y'all will be in my thoughts and prayers during this difficult time. Don't hesitate to call me, you have my number. If you ever want to get away from it all, my door is always open,

Joyce Salazar - September 24, 2013 at 05:02 PM

BL

“ Will always remember visiting the Yohos growing up. My Dad Kenneth Rine and Jim Yoho were the best of friends. Bernard and I were playmates and a little ornery I guess. We liked to put elderberries in a bb gun and shoot the cow to make red spots on her . Also played tricks with the electric fence when we could get a third party to hold our hand so they would get shocked. Such great memories with great neighbors. .Bought our first house from Bernard and Nancy. Lived there over 20 years with them building a home close by and being good neighbors again. .Will miss him Love and prayers for comfort in your loss

Batbara Rine Lancaster - September 24, 2013 at 09:49 AM

CG

“ 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 Bernard Martin Staley give you peace, comfort and strength...

Rest now Sir, in the arms of our Lord, your work on earth is done. Thank you for your service and my Freedom. You will not be forgotten

USMC Bernard Martin Staley 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 Patriot Guard - September 24, 2013 at 05:06 AM