



## Howard L. "Biggie" Byard

May 18, 1926 - November 16, 2015

### TOGETHER AGAIN

Howard Lee "Biggie" Byard, age 89, of Glen Dale, WV died Monday, November 16, 2015 in Reynolds Memorial Hospital, Glen Dale.

He was born May 18, 1926 in Glen Dale, the son of the late Howard L. and Myrtle Rose Fallen Byard.

He was a member of Glen Dale United Methodist Church; a 1944 graduate of Moundsville High School, attended West Liberty State College; a WWII Navy Veteran; a retired employee from the former Allied Chemical; worked at the former Louis Marx Toy Plant; and was owner of the former "Biggie's Corner". Biggie was a former Councilman and Mayor of Glen Dale; a former Marshall County Commissioner, having served for 30 years; a chairman for March of Dimes; coordinated the Mother's March Against Polio; a past Exalted Ruler of BPO Elks #282; a member of the past Glen Dale Lion's Club; a member of American Legion Post #3, VFW #437, Moose #1087, Eagles #499, Sportsmen Club of Viola; a member of Glen Dale Volunteer Fire Department, where he was known as The Oldest Fireman in the Valley; he helped to raise \$10,000 for the Limestone Fire Dept.; and was the 2004 recipient of the Humanitarian Award, and later, awarded the Order of the 35th Star from the State of WV. He was a recipient of the WV Healthcare Assoc. "Remember Me" contest; he was a square dance caller for many benefits including the 4-H; and was an auctioneer.

He loved participating in the Christmas Parades, where he served previously as the Grand Marshall of the Moundsville Christmas Parade.

Biggie was well known throughout the area, and spent a life-time of helping others. He credits his wife, family, and the community for helping him to achieve all that he has accomplished.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his wife, Nila Allen Byard.

Survivors include two sons, Michael Byard of SC, and Marvin (Shirley) Byard of Glen Dale; two daughters, Sherry (Russ) Byard-Schlenker of Moundsville, and Peggy (Dan) Byard-Elliott of Glen Dale; two sisters, Linda (James) Deveney, and Barbara (Dwight) Walters, all of FL; five grandchildren, Edye (Dr. Dave) Thomas of Wheeling, Gerald Eli Heller of Moundsville, Dr. Amber (Dr. Scott) Heller-Meuselbach of Hamilton OH, Dr. Stephanie (Brent) Byard-Adkins of Perryville, MD, and Allen C. Byard, of Glen Dale; three great-grandchildren, Casey and Brody Meuselbach, and Landon Adkins.

Family will receive friends Friday from 4-8pm and Saturday from 2-8pm with Fireman Services at 7pm at Grisell Funeral Home & Crematory, 400 Jefferson Ave., Moundsville where funeral services will be held Sunday at 2pm with Rev. John Morrison officiating.

Interment in Limestone Cemetery, Moundsville where the Moundsville Honor Guard will conduct military graveside services.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Glen Dale Volunteer Fire Dept., PO Box 25, Glen Dale, WV 26038 or Glen Dale United Methodist Church, 700 Wheeling Ave., Glen Dale or Volunteer Fire Department of donor's choice.

# Cemetery Details

## Limestone Cemetery

Moundsville, WV

# Previous Events

## Visitation

NOV 20. 4:00 AM - 8:00 AM (ET)

Grisell Funeral Home - Moundsville  
400 Jefferson Ave  
Moundsville, WV 26041  
(304) 845-0400  
<https://www.grisellfuneralhomes.com/>

## Visitation

NOV 21. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Grisell Funeral Home - Moundsville  
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## Funeral Service

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NOV **22**. 2:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *In this time of sorrow, I send prayers to you & yours!!Biggie, rest in peace!!*

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**Debbie N Randy Hall** - November 21, 2015 at 05:40 PM

BB

“ *Biggie was a blessing to every life he touched. He will be remembered with honor, respect, love, and smiles by our family. He always had the wings, now he can soar. Prayers for your family. ~ Rita (Curly) Stephens and Family*

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**Beverly Stephens Baker** - November 21, 2015 at 07:58 AM

JJ

“ *I'm sorry loss for we miss you going to heaven God we blessing it amen and Christmas parade*

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**Jeffrey lynn wright jr** - November 20, 2015 at 04:41 PM

ME

“ *Sending our thoughts and prayers out to Biggie's family. Our Mom and Dad thought the world of him. He was a great man!*

*The Hall's*

*Mary Ellen*

*Liz*

*Roger Jr*

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**Mary Ellen** - November 19, 2015 at 10:09 PM



“ *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 Howard L. Byard, give you peace, comfort and strength...*

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

*My thoughts and prayers are with the family of.....*

*US Navy Veteran/Firefighter, Howard L. "Biggie" Byard, "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 †*



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**Cheryl Skinner, Tri-state Military Museum - November 19, 2015 at 06:38 AM**

JK

“ Very sorry about your father. He was for sure a "bigger than life" person for this small part of the world with the more than appropriate nickname of "BIGGIE ". I always enjoyed talking to him on his morning visits to JEANNIE'S COFFEE SHOP in the late 90's. I was eating breakfast after work, and he was making coffee runs for the Flower Shop. He was anything but boring. I especially liked the story how he got his trademark nickname from former Pitt football great MARSHALL GOLDBERG. BIGGIE ended up making the adolescent "nickname" so iconic in Marshall County I would imagine many never knew his "real" first name, and even some not even his last. LOL .....While others sip at life, BIGGIE gulped it. Cup after cup, day after day. He had a gift of making every day an event. My thoughts and sympathy go out to all of his family and many friends.

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**Jay Knapp** - November 18, 2015 at 07:12 PM

DW

“ Sherry, Marv, and Peggy  
We are so very sorry for your loss. Although I can't help having a smile on my face thinking about our "Fish Creek Years". Swimming, late night walks up the creek, and of course "Weenie Roasts". It's thanks to our parents, they made it real, thanks for the memories.  
Dave & Becky Warsinsky

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**David Warsinsky** - November 18, 2015 at 04:51 PM

PA

“ To Biggie's Family, So Sorry for the loss of a good friend, He had a Good Heart and Loved Life, You were all Blessed to have him in your life, Have not seen him for a couple years but thought about Nila and Biggie many times, Loved them as Family. Take Care and God Bless. Paula Whorton and Family.

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**paulawhorton** - November 18, 2015 at 04:48 PM

BD

“ To The Family of Biggie:

*Your Dad was a very special man! He was truly a caring, Kind man who never met a stranger! His legacy will long live in Moundsville/Glen Dale; Marshall Co as a whole! Where there was a need .. Biggie was there bigger than life ... planning, organizing, working at "gettin' done!" Thanks for always sharing him with all of us! Our thoughts and prayers go out to you at this time!*  
*Betty Duffy*

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**Betty Duffy** - November 18, 2015 at 04:21 PM