



## Jerome "Jerry" Eugene Wade

February 19, 1934 - May 16, 2014

Wade, Jerome Eugene "Jerry" passed away on Friday, May 16, 2014, at his home surrounded by his loving family. He was born in New Martinsville, WV on February 19, 1934, a son of the late Chauncey Otis Wade and Lillie Barth Wade.

Upon graduating from Magnolia High School in 1952, Jerry began his career at PPG. After 39 years of service, spent mainly as an Instrumentician, he retired in 1991.

Jerry was an avid sportsman and hunter. While at Magnolia High School, he lettered all four years in football, basketball, and baseball and held several school records. Upon graduation, he received the Gerald Hammel Award for the most outstanding athlete. He went on to play various sports for independent teams throughout the area. Jerry had a passion to share his love of sports with the youth of New Martinsville and, for many years, he coached Little League Baseball, Grasshopper Basketball, and also served as head coach for the St. Vincent de Paul Basketball Team. In 1988, he was honored with the Magnolia High School Lifetime Achievement Award, and later he was also inducted into the New Martinsville American Bowling Congress Hall-of-Fame. According to him, however, his most treasured award was having the time to play with and "entertain" his grandchildren and great-grandchildren. He was an active member of St. Vincent de Paul Roman Catholic Church where he was a member of the Holy Name Society and spent many hours volunteering at their fish fries and Bingo games. In 2007, he was presented

their Man-of-the-Year Award.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his two brothers, James Lawrence Wade and Jack Lee Wade.

He is survived by his wife of almost 60 years, Jo Ann Herrmann Wade, whom he married on June 26, 1954; two daughters: Jan Ellen Crane of Durham, NC and Jacqueline Jean (John) Estep of Vienna, WV; one son: Jerome Eugene (Susie) Wade, Jr. of Lake Lotawana, MO; ten grandchildren: Jennifer, Jacqueline, and Scotty Crane, David (Megan) Underwood, Kristen (Hank) Cathey, Megan (George) Todd, Kelley Anne, Daniel, Andrew, and Morgan Wade; seven great-grandchildren: Emmy and Cameron Underwood, Madison, Bryce, and Connor Cathey, Nora and Ethan Todd. Several nieces, nephews, and cousins also survive.

Friends will be received at the Grisell Funeral Home, 751 Third Street, New Martinsville, WV on Sunday, May 18, from 2:00 – 4:00 PM and from 6:00 – 8:00 PM with rosary devotions at 6:00 PM. Mass of Christian Burial will be held at St. Vincent de Paul Church in New Martinsville, on Monday, May 19, at 10:00 AM with Rev. Fr. John McDonough officiating. Burial to follow in Northview Cemetary.

In lieu of flowers, the family has requested donations to St. Vincent de Paul Church, 21 Rosary Road, New Martinsville, WV 26155, or to Journey Hospice, 314 Wells Street, Sistersville, WV 26175.

# Cemetery Details

## Northview Cemetery

219 N. State Rt. 2  
New Martinsville, WV 26155

# Previous Events

## Visitation

**MAY 18.** 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

**MAY 18.** 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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

## Funeral Service

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MAY **19**. 10:00 AM (ET)

St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church  
21 Rosary Road  
New Martinsville, WV 26155

# Tribute Wall

GA

“ He was a quiet, kind, gentle person. I always enjoyed talking with him. You two fit together so well. Jan and I are thinking of you

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**Gary and Janis Allen** - May 27, 2014 at 10:50 PM

TH

“ So sorry to hear of Jerry's passing. He was a great friend to all of our family. Our thoughts are with you.  
Ted and Kay Hermeling.

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**Ted and Kay Hermeling** - May 27, 2014 at 08:27 PM

JB

“ I served with Jerry an Army Reserves in the late 50's and/or early 60's. We attended summer camp together with the Combat Engineer Bn. of New Martinsville and Pine Grove.  
But my best memories of Jerry was as an athlete I competed against in high school baseball. He was an outstanding pitcher for New Martinsville. Jerry had an excellent curve ball. I also remember watching him play basketball and marveled at the ease the game was to him - it just came naturally to him.

*Jack A Beckett  
LTC (Retired) US Army  
Georgetown, Texas  
jjack99@aol.com*

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**Jack A Beckett** - May 24, 2014 at 02:02 PM

DA

“ JoAnn & Family: Sorry for your loss, Jerry was a wonderful, person, enjoyed talking about MHS basketball, again, sorry for your loss, greatly missed.  
Dan Altemese

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**dan altemese** - May 21, 2014 at 08:46 PM

SH

“ I remember Jerry as being the sweetest guy I ever knew. He always had a smile for everyone, and was so kind hearted. I am so sorry to hear of his passing, and he will be missed.

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**Sherry Hill** - May 20, 2014 at 04:35 PM

CB

“ I met Jerry when I use to go to bingo at the catholic church. He was an extremely nice man and always had a smile on his face. I have a son named Stingray whom he told me he followed in sports and he would always ask me how my son, the Green Hornet, was doing. My condolences to his family.

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**Cindy Bates** - May 20, 2014 at 03:37 PM

TF

“ We're very sorry to hear of Jerry's passing. We didn't know him, but we know the sorrow of losing a father and the void it leaves in your life. Our thoughts and prayers are with you at this time of sorrow. Your friends, your family, and your faith give you the strength you need to get through this time of sadness.

*Terry & Suzanne Smith and your friends at High Voltage Cheer*

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**Terry & Suzanne Smith and HVC Friends** - May 19, 2014 at 07:54 PM

AR

“ Dear JoAnn and family.  
It's so hard for me to imagine that Jerry has left us for a higher place to live without all of us but he has found peace and we all know that. Bless you JoAnn and all your family in this time of sadness. The time of loss will not go away easy but the wonderful family he left behind will live in your heart forever. I love you very much and God Bless you all.  
Sincerely, Audrie Ryan

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**Audrie Ryan** - May 19, 2014 at 07:49 PM

TD

“ So very sorry to learn of Jerry's passing. He was a wonderful person and a joy to work with. He was always so pleasant at work and was kind to a fault. I feel blessed to have known him. My condolences to the entire family as I am sure that he will be greatly missed.

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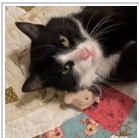
**Theresa Davies** - May 19, 2014 at 09:35 AM

 Tina  
Forrester-  
Longwell

“ I was very saddened to hear about Jerry. He used to live across from my grandparents - Helen & Dean Stutler - on Highland Avenue. Jerry was such a sweet, kind person. He always seemed to have a smile on his face. Many prayers for the family. So very sorry for your loss. Tina & Jim Longwell

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**Tina Forrester-Longwell** - May 18, 2014 at 09:32 PM



“ Lane and I are so sorry for your loss! Jerry was such a dear, sweet man. He always made everyone feel special. He will be greatly missed by so many!

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**Vicki Bohrer** - May 18, 2014 at 04:27 PM

CS

“ I am so sorry for your loss. I didn't know him we'll but when ever I came home and saw him he always had a big grin on his face and would say hello

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**connie gautschi sanders** - May 18, 2014 at 12:56 PM

SC

“ Scott C. purchased a sympathy card for the family of Jerome "Jerry" Eugene Wade.



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**Scott C.** - May 18, 2014 at 12:04 PM

QB

“ Bigggggg loss.....wonderful man.....precious and good family.....hugs, Quill Eubanks

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**Q. Brogan** - May 17, 2014 at 01:55 PM

CK

“ So sorry for your loss. Connie Burke King

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**connie burke king** - May 17, 2014 at 01:12 PM

NA

“ Deepest sympathy in this time of your loss. jerry was a great guy.  
Prayers  
Patty Slawiinski Miller

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**nancy** - May 17, 2014 at 12:34 PM

MS

“ So very sorry to hear of Jerry's passing. He was a wonderful husband and father and we sorrow for you. May God be near you during this time and comfort you.

*Jim and Mona Shepard*

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**mona shepard** - May 17, 2014 at 11:52 AM

NC

“ He was our neighborhood HANDSOME guy. He was a very nice person. Sympathy for your loss. Nancy Broadwater Christman

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**nancy christman** - May 17, 2014 at 10:46 AM

TB

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you all. You were truly blessed to have one of the coolest Pappy's we've ever met. May great memories and celebration fill your sadness.

*Love,  
Adam, Jocelyn and Ava*

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**The Bibbees** - May 17, 2014 at 09:15 AM

CS

“ I remember Jerry working all the time he could and admired him for his drive. He worked so hard one day picking out black walnuts and never quit. Coleman always said , "He is one of the good guys." meaning he went over and above in his job and tried to contribute always to the betterment of the workplace and fellow workers. He will be missed.

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**Coleman and Donette Street** - May 17, 2014 at 06:59 AM

RR

“ To Jo Ann and Family-I am so sorry to learn of your loss. Over the years I would hear stories from Tex Cozart and others about his outstanding sports ability, that Jerry became a Hero to me as a lad. He always wore a smile and offered wise words of wisdom. Not only a great sports fan but a wonderful father to his family.  
My thoughts and prayers are with all



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**Ron Ruth** - May 16, 2014 at 11:32 PM

BM

“ To the Wade Family-Sorry to hear about the loss of Jerry. He is in a better place. I sure will miss him....as I used to call him "The Coach of the Mountaineers". Always enjoyed going to the Magnolia basketball, football and baseball games with him. May he rest in peace.  
Bob Moore

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**Bob Moore** - May 16, 2014 at 09:02 PM

MB

“ Jerry is a good Man. He's now with the other Saints that have passed before him. He was good to me and my Family. He helped me along the way as I was developing. A positive influence in the world. Thanks Jerry. May God bless you and those you leave behind.

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**Michael D. Batton** - May 16, 2014 at 05:23 PM

MG

“ So sorry for your loss. I grew up on Highland Ave. Mr. & Mrs. Wade lived out the street. He always had a smile on his face. R.I.P. Mr. Wade My thoughts and prayers are with the family.



*Melissa (Greathouse) Goode*

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**Melissa Goode** - May 16, 2014 at 04:03 PM