



Jimmy Briggs

July 7, 1947 - December 24, 2025

Jimmy L. Briggs, 78 of New Martinsville, WV, passed away on Wednesday, December 24, 2025 at his home.

He was born July 7, 1947 in New Martinsville, WV to the late Guy and Georgia Louise (Haught) Briggs.

Jimmy was a retired employee of the Wetzel County Board of Education where he worked as a custodian at New Martinsville School for 26 years. He was a coal miner and worked for North American Coal - Mine # 7, Powhatan, OH. He joined the United States Marine Corps in 1966 upon graduation at the age of 17 from Magnolia High School, New Martinsville, WV. After basic training at Camp Lejeune, he received orders to serve his tour of duty in Vietnam. He was wounded and spent several months in a military hospital in Guam and received the Purple Heart award. He returned to Vietnam and finished his tour of duty before returning to the states. Upon returning to the states, until his enlistment was over, his job assignment was as a cross-country chaser. He served his country well as an honorable, brave, and good man.

His favorite things in life were being outdoors, hunting, fishing, spending time with his family and friends, dancing with his wife, and traveling.

He was a member of the Immanuel Baptist Church in New Martinsville, WV and a member of Moose Lodge 931.

In addition to his parents, Jimmy Lee was preceded in death by a son, Mark Allen Briggs; and a sister, Susan Jane (Briggs) Hall.

He is survived by his loving wife of 29 years, Lorna Allison Briggs; one son, Michael Anthony Briggs of New Martinsville; three stepchildren, Jake, Chloris, and Brittany Schilling; two sisters, Star Banay Briggs and Phyllis Haught Croasmun both of New Martinsville; two sisters-in-law, Janet Koontz of Hundred, WV, and Pat Oliver of Aurora, Indiana; six grandchildren, Michael, Chelsea, and Rachel Briggs, Mickey and Ashley Gump and Braden Hoover; three great grandchildren, several nieces, nephews, great nieces, great nephews and many special friends including John Despirito.

Family will receive friends on Saturday, January 3, 2026 at 10:00 a.m. at Grisell Funeral Home and Crematory, 751 Third Street, New Martinsville, WV until time of service at 11:00 a.m. with Pastor Eric Vincent officiating.

Inurnment will follow in Greenlawn Memorial Park in New Martinsville.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Visiting Angels – Upper Ohio Valley, 76 16th Street, Wheeling, WV 26003 or to Journey Hospice, 314 S. Wells Street, Sistersville, WV 26175.

Sympathy expressions at grisellfuneralhomes.com.

Cemetery Details

Greenlawn Memorial Park

N. State Route 2
New Martinsville, WV 26155

Previous Events

Memorial Visitation

JAN 3. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

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

Celebration of Life

JAN 3. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

GB

“ Granddaughter Brooklynn planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Jimmy Briggs.

Granddaughter Brooklynn - January 02 at 01:08 AM

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“ Granddaughter Brooklynn purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Jimmy Briggs.



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“ Heather Beals purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Jimmy Briggs.



Heather Beals - January 01 at 01:49 AM

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“ Heather Beals planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Jimmy Briggs.

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“ *Be My Love Bouquet with Red Roses was purchased for the family of Jimmy Briggs.*



December 29, 2025 at 07:49 PM



“ *Shawn, Brooke & Mollie Fair planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Jimmy Briggs.*

Shawn, Brooke & Mollie Fair - December 29, 2025 at 07:49 PM



“ *I remember this great guy who was a great hard worker for Wetzell County Schools and a great person ! God bless him and welcome to his well deserved heavenly HOME !*

Edward E Glover - December 28, 2025 at 09:04 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 Jimmy L. Briggs, 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 Marine Veteran, Jimmy L. Briggs, 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 Skinner, Tri-state Military Museum - December 27, 2025 at 09:34 AM

EF

“ *I’m sincerely sorry for your loss. I enjoyed working with Jimmy at NMS. One special memory ...we taught a second grade class how to fold the American flag. It was a special moment for all of us.*

Emily Fenton - December 26, 2025 at 08:02 PM

SW

“ *So sorry for your loss. I have great memories of Jim. He was a friend of Jerry and I in the late 70's. It was during my time as a Tupperware manager. I pray for comfort to you all.*

Sharon Wade - December 26, 2025 at 05:34 PM

LH

“ Jim and I worked together at New Martinsville School for many years. In addition to our indoor jobs, we worked together, along with some special volunteers including my dad, in the NMS Memorial Arboretum. The three of us enjoyed teasing each other and enjoyed some great times as we all liked being outdoors. One of Jim’s best wisecracks was “He wouldn’t be happy if we hung him with a new rope!” I always smile when I think of those times. We were blessed. See you on the Other Side, Jim!

Linda Parish Hill - December 26, 2025 at 03:45 PM

LS

“ Jimmy was a beloved member of the Fur Fin and Feather club, a heck of a good guy. We will miss you Jimmy.

Linda & Larry Stoneking - December 26, 2025 at 03:22 PM

RD

“ I grew up with Beak (that’s what we all called him back in the early days jimmy was a neighbor also we all used to go up to his farm up on American ridge so much fun . Sometimes we would play war with real guns believe it or not We learned real fast how to hide behind anything we could . 410s. 12gage 20gage True life we all served with out any injuries Me Bill Henderson Bob Bland Jimmy Fuzzy Fuliez The only ones I can remember

Richard Doty - December 26, 2025 at 01:39 PM