



John Nelson Rial

August 19, 1951 - May 21, 2025

John Nelson Rial, age 73 of Paden City, WV, passed away Wednesday, May 21, 2025, at WVU Medicine Wheeling Hospital Wheeling, WV.

He was born August 19, 1951, in New Martinsville, WV, a son of the late John Robert and Flossie Chambers Rial.

He was a former coal miner and a retired employee of Slay Trucking, Sardis, OH, and U.S. Army Reserve Veteran. He was baptized in the Christian Church and loved to hunt.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a daughter, Melissa Eaton; stepmother, Lillian Ardelle Conner; three brothers, Frankie, Michael, and Edwin Rial; sister, Lisa Straight; and son-in-law, Michael Griffin.

Survivors include his wife, Shelby VanCamp Rial; stepson, Brent (Tacy) Weekley of Fort Wayne, IN; stepdaughter, Shawna Griffin of Alma, WV; daughter Debbie Rial of Ohio; sister, Bobbi (Derek) Rial-Fiest of Wheeling, WV; three grandchildren, Lucas Eaton, Devan (Tianna) Derby and Ariel (Austin) Bayless and 15 great-grandchildren.

Family will receive friends on Friday, May 23, 2025, from 11am until time of service at 1:00 pm at the Grisell Funeral Home & Crematory 751 Third St. New Martinsville, WV, with Pastor Bill Ferrell officiating.

Interment will be at the convenience of the family.

Sympathy expressions at grisellfuneralhomes.com

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 23. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (ET)

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

Funeral Service

MAY 23. 1:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *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 John Nelson Rial, 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 Army Reserve Veteran, John Nelson Rial, 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 - May 23, 2025 at 06:35 AM