



Ray L. Starkey Jr.

November 29, 1998 - December 23, 2019

Ray L. Starkey Jr., age 21, of New Martinsville, WV, passed away from a mining accident, Monday, December 23, 2019 at Reynolds Memorial Hospital Glen Dale, WV.

He was born November 29, 1998, the son of Raymond (Cindy) Starkey of New Martinsville, WV, and the late Anna Wade.

He was a coal miner for Murray Energy: McElroy mine, and a member of the Moose Lodge #931 of New Martinsville, WV.

In addition to his mother, he was preceded in death by his paternal grandparents, Beffo & Mary Starkey and maternal grandfather, Larry Wade.

In addition to his father, survivors include a sister, Autumn Amos of Pine Grove, WV; a fiancé', Cassandra Olson of New Martinsville, WV; maternal grandmother, Andrea Wade of Reader, WV; two step-sisters, Heather Carroll of New Martinsville and Christy Fulks of Paden City and several aunts and uncles including Aleatha Howell, Jimmy, Jack and George Hartline and, Marie Butcher and several nieces and nephews.

Family will receive friends Sunday from 4-8 p.m. at Grisell Funeral Home & Crematory 751 Third St. New Martinsville. Funeral service will be held Monday at 11 a.m. at New Martinsville United Methodist Church 10 Howard Jeffers Dr. New Martinsville with Rev. Stephen Rector officiating.

Interment will follow in Craig's Chapel Cemetery.

Memorial Contributions can be made to Magnolia High School Band 601 Maple Ave. New Martinsville, WV 26155.

Cemetery Details

Craigs Chapel Cemetery

Old Route 7
New Martinsville, WV 26155

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC **29**. 4:00 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

DEC **30**. 11:00 AM (ET)

New Martinsville United Methodist Church
10 Howard Jeffers Drive
New Martinsville, WV 26155

Tribute Wall

JD

“ I worked with ray and was thrilled to learn we was both from new martinsville didnt get to work with him a lot but did get to know him he was a great person and will be sadly missed by a lot of people especially by guys at the mine rest in peace my brother

Jeff dyer - December 30, 2019 at 12:46 AM

GC

“ Garry Wade I'm Little Rays Cousin lit a candle in memory of Ray L. Starkey Jr.



Garry wade I'm little rays cousin - December 29, 2019 at 10:04 PM

GC

Rest easy ray ray you'll always have a place in my heart just like pappy and you mom I'll keep yall in my heart so I can give hugs and love anytime I want to or even talk to yall god I miss you already the good die young youll always be mist by so maney but you'll never be forgotten

Garry wade I'm little rays cousin - December 29, 2019 at 10:06 PM

PJ

“ Dear Mr. and Mrs. Starkey,
I am heartbroken to learn of Ray's passing. He was in my English 12 class at Magnolia, one of my favorite students ever. Ray was the nicest, most respectful young man. I know English was probably not his favorite subject (I figured Band was.), yet he tackled every assignment with enthusiasm and hard work and knew the answers. He was interested in class and participated in the discussions with intelligence and insight. He treated the other students--and the teachers--with respect, courtesy, and good manners. In other words, he was the best!
Ray was always willing to help others. I can still see him dashing out the door of my room, running down to the band room to find out something for me. What a joy to have known him. What a tragedy to have lost him.
Please know you are in my thoughts and prayers and I will always be grateful that I knew Ray.
Sincerely,
Pat Jeffers

Pat Jeffers - December 29, 2019 at 09:39 PM

KH

“ Kathy(Monahan) Harman lit a candle in memory of Ray L. Starkey Jr.



Kathy(Monahan) Harman - December 29, 2019 at 08:21 PM

KH

Beefo..so very sorry for the liss of you n Cindy's son...may God give you peace and comfort at this time. Will be keeping you in my thoughts and prayers.

Kathy(Monahan) Harman - December 29, 2019 at 08:24 PM

KH

Loss*

Kathy(Monahan) Harman - December 29, 2019 at 08:24 PM

BP

“ So , sorry for your loss Beefo & Cindy . Didn't know him personally, but have known you Beefo, seems like forever. This is a tragedy, my heart goes out to both of you . Prayers

Barb Palmer - December 29, 2019 at 05:33 PM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Ray L. Starkey Jr..



December 28, 2019 at 08:36 PM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Ray L. Starkey Jr..



December 28, 2019 at 10:55 AM



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December 28, 2019 at 08:23 AM

CB

“ My family is sending our prayers to Ray's family and friends. Words cannot express your loss. Prayers that you all find peace within during this time of need. God will guide you and give you strength during this difficult time.



Bob and Charlene Bernardi ~ Wheeling, WV

Charlene Bernardi - December 28, 2019 at 07:58 AM

KT

“ So very sorry for your loss, our sympathies and prayers are with you at this time.

Karen Nelsen Taylor - December 27, 2019 at 09:41 PM

RD

“ So heartbreaking. My grandson, Tyler Fordyce, worked with him. Praying for peace and comfort during this very difficult time. 💔🙏💔

ruth jim debolt - December 27, 2019 at 06:30 PM

CS

“ Clarice G. Summers lit a candle in memory of Ray L. Starkey Jr.



Clarice G. Summers - December 27, 2019 at 05:51 PM

DG

“ I use to babysit him and his sister very nice young man he grow up to be. Raymond and Cindy done a very good job. Sorry for your lost. Ray will be miss

Diana Glendening - December 27, 2019 at 03:48 PM

AF

“ Ashley & Ronnie Thompson and Family (State Farm) purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Ray L. Starkey Jr..



Ashley & Ronnie Thompson and Family (State Farm) -
December 27, 2019 at 03:24 PM

JA

“ He was a good young man. I enjoyed working with him.

James - December 27, 2019 at 03:18 PM

BB

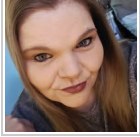
I knew his Mother and him when he was really little. So sad. Prayers and much love to his family and friends

Beth Baker - December 27, 2019 at 04:29 PM

GJ

Our thoughts and prayers for Ray's family and friends.

Greg and Tamika Jones - December 29, 2019 at 04:32 PM



“ I will always remember how sweet he was . I spent a lot of time with my Aunt Cindy and Uncle Raymond , and got to know Ray when hes was 2 years old . He was very active in Band in school , cindy and my mom were always there during games. Lil Ray I will always love and miss you you were like a little brother to me . I will always keep you in my heart. Love Ashley ,Cary, Shayla Felton



Ashley Felton - December 27, 2019 at 02:51 PM

JM

“ Deepest sympathy from Mike and Janet Miller and family.

Janet Miller - December 27, 2019 at 02:23 PM

KB

“ I'm sorry for the loss of this young man even though I did not know him. May his friends and family find some peace. My prayers are with you all. God bless

kathy black - December 27, 2019 at 02:07 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Ray L. Starkey Jr..



December 27, 2019 at 01:16 PM