



## Sonny Cecil

March 30, 1934 - September 2, 2015

Cecil, Sonny, age 81, of Burnsville, WV, formerly of Proctor, WV, died Wednesday, September 2, 2015 at Ruby Memorial Hospital, Morgantown, WV. He was born March 30, 1934 in Proctor, the son of the late Edward and Bessie Woods Cecil.

Sonny retired from the U.S. Army after 25 years, serving multiple tours in Korea and Vietnam, and receiving two purple hearts.

He attended Proctor Christian Church as a child. He worked with the Paden City and Sistersville Ambulance service, and Iams Funeral Home Ambulance service. Sonny was a member of Morrison Lodge #76 F.&A.M. in Elizabethtown, KY, where he was a 32nd degree Mason; Kosair Shrine; and was an Honorable Kentucky Colonel.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by two sisters, his twin, Sally Sue Parks and Nelda Emch; three brothers, Glen, Sam and Edward "Bud" Cecil; and two nephews, Dale and Jim.

Survivors include two sisters, Edna Doty of New Martinsville, WV and Mary Lou Athey of Casper, WY; a brother, Buster Cecil of Proctor; a son, William C. "Bill" Longwell of Burnsville, WV; a granddaughter, Ashley Walton; nephews, Floyd, Rick, Bill, Eddie, Bill, Bobby, Bill and Kevin; nieces, Linda, Susie, Kim, Cathy, Pam, Patty, Sherry and Donna Lou; and many other nieces, nephews and extended family.

Family will receive friends on Saturday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at Grisell Funeral Home & Crematory, 751 Third Street, New Martinsville, where funeral

services will be held on Sunday at 2:00 p.m. with Rev. LeMoyne Horner officiating.

Burial to follow in Paden Memorial Gardens in New Martinsville, where Masonic and Military graveside services will be conducted.

Memorial contributions may be made to Shriner's Children's Hospital, 1645 W. 8th Street, Erie, PA 16505.

# Cemetery Details

## Paden Memorial Gardens

RR 2 Box 449  
New Martinsville, WV 26155

# Previous Events

## Visitation

SEP 5. 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

SEP 5. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Grisell Funeral Home - New Martinsville  
751 Third Street  
New Martinsville, WV 26155  
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## Funeral Service

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SEP 6. 2:00 PM (ET)

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751 Third Street

New Martinsville, WV 26155

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Edna and family, we are sorry to hear of your loss.. Know that you are in our thoughts and prayers.*

*Wayne & Shirley Cook  
Lisa & Brandon Doty*

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**Lisa Doty** - September 04, 2015 at 04:03 PM



“ *Secret Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Sonny Cecil.*



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September 04, 2015 at 02:37 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 Sonny Cecil, 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 Army Korea/Vietnam Veteran, Sonny Cecil, “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 - September 04, 2015 at 07:23 AM**

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“ *Rick Doty lit a candle in memory of Sonny Cecil*



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**rick doty** - September 03, 2015 at 05:31 PM