



Wilbert "Big Willie" Ebert

May 25, 1945 - April 30, 2024

Wilbert "Big Willie" M. Ebert, age 78, of Wheeling, passed away Tuesday, April 30, 2024 at home surrounded by his family.

He was born May 25, 1945 in Wheeling, son of the late Charles and Marcella DeLong Ebert.

Wilbert was a retired coal miner from Valley Camp coal and also retired from Cameron Coca-Cola warehouse and a greenskeeper at Oglebay. He was a lifetime member of the WV Snake Club, Catholic by faith and a U.S Army Veteran of Vietnam.

In addition to his parents he was preceded in death by three bothers: Billy, Hickory, and Dale Ebert and a grandson: Robert Ebert.

Survivors include his wife, of 55 years, Jean Swallow Ebert; two daughters: Michelle (Dickiey) Bennett and Jennifer Ebert both of Wheeling; one son; Christopher (Teresa) Ebert of Baden PA; eleven grandchildren: Amber, Ashley, Shannon, Chasity, Shayla, Cheyene, Johnna, Rebecca, Caleigh, Dylan, and Ava; eleven great grandchildren: Hailee, Emma, Roe, Wyatt, Max, Aubrey, Patrick, Mia, Aliyah, Elias, and Rory; Three brothers: Tom Ebert of Wheeling, James (Becky) Ebert of Warren OH and Gary (Bonnie) Ebert of Wheeling; two sisters: Cyndi (Brian) Campbell of Washington PA, and Nancy "Pinky" (Don) Ruckh of Wheeling and numerous nieces and nephews.

The family will receive friends on Saturday, May 4, 2024 from 10am until time of service at 12 noon at Grisell Funeral Home and Crematory, 1 Ridgecrest

Road Bethlehem/ Wheeling where the Moundsville Honor Guard will conduct Military Services.

Private interment will be held at the convenience of the family

Cemetery Details

Grisell Crematory

Moundsville, WV

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 4. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Grisell Funeral Home & Crematory- Wheeling/Bethlehem
1 Ridgecrest Road
Bethlehem/Wheeling, WV 26003
(304) 232-0400
<https://www.grisellfuneralhomes.com/>

Funeral Service

MAY 4. 12:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

LB

“ 1 file added to the album me



Levi blumpkih - March 16 at 01:21 PM

AC

“ 1 file added to the album him as a kid



Adam Chao - December 17, 2025 at 09:54 AM

LR

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



LeBronda Ruckh - December 08, 2025 at 07:15 PM

LR

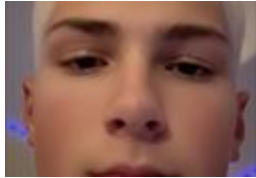
“ 3 files added to the tribute wall



LeBronDa Ruckh - December 08, 2025 at 07:12 PM

LR

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



LeBronDa Ruckh - December 08, 2025 at 07:10 PM

LR

“ Man i miss him. Me and Violet used to go crazy on him and go Sicko mode.

LeBronDa Ruckh - December 08, 2025 at 07:09 PM

MO

“ You lot have to stop this instant!

Mike Oxwell - December 08, 2025 at 12:17 PM

SE

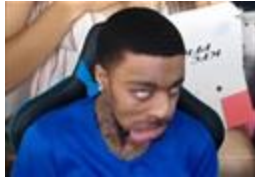
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seth - December 08, 2025 at 12:11 PM

BR

“ 1 file added to the album *Memorial*



brono - October 07, 2025 at 08:10 AM

BR

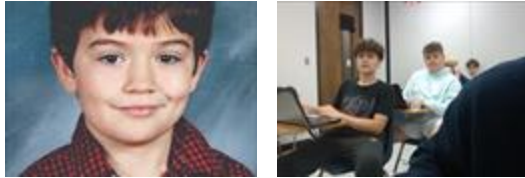
“ 1 file added to the album *Adam Paul Chao, Me*



bronny - October 07, 2025 at 08:06 AM

HJ

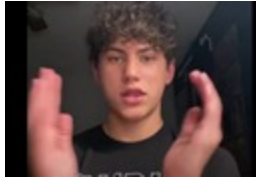
“ 2 files added to the album *him as a kid*



Hank Joey - October 07, 2025 at 08:05 AM

HJ

“ 1 file added to the album *me*



Hank Joey - October 07, 2025 at 08:04 AM

BJ

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



big justice - January 28, 2025 at 02:30 PM

KT

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Kale Taylor - January 28, 2025 at 01:52 PM

HJ

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Harry Johnson - January 28, 2025 at 01:43 PM

GA

“ 1 file added to the album Memorial



Gertrude A. - January 28, 2025 at 01:40 PM

AC

“ 1 file added to the album Adam Paul Chao, Me



Adam C. - January 28, 2025 at 01:39 PM

AC

“ :(



Adam C. - January 28, 2025 at 10:19 AM

AC

“ My name is Adam Paul Chao, I knew Big Willy personally I used to go swimming with him and I find it very difficult to process this.

Adam Chao - January 28, 2025 at 10:06 AM

LJ

“ All jokes aside, I am an NBA player and I believe this is horrible...

LeBron James - January 28, 2025 at 09:54 AM

JT

“ 3 files added to the album me



Jayson Tatum - January 28, 2025 at 09:50 AM

JB

“ 3 files added to the album him as a kid



Jaylen Brown - January 28, 2025 at 09:45 AM

AC

Adam Chao commented this

Adam Chao - January 28, 2025 at 10:08 AM

MO

Listen youngin's! Why in tarnation would y'all post this! Big Wilbert was my best bud. For y'all to slander his memory. You'll hear from my lawyers!

Mike Oxwell - January 28, 2025 at 01:49 PM

BS

Exactly Ox! Y'all need to be taught a lessin'

Ben Smith - January 28, 2025 at 01:50 PM

MO

I change my mind this is very good creation and remembrance pf sweet big billie

mike Oxwell - January 28, 2025 at 03:20 PM

JW

“ *Jeanie and Family - We are so sorry to hear of Willie's passing. May you find some small comfort in knowing that you All are in our thoughts and prayers. (so many fond memories and so much unforgettable laughter) - John Wheeler and Family*

John Wheeler - May 07, 2024 at 01:03 AM

TY

truly horrible

Trae young - January 28, 2025 at 09:53 AM

SK

Did y'all get his reboot card?

Sebastian Kettler - January 28, 2025 at 01:45 PM

MH

“ *Willie was one of are favorite neighbors we Live right across from coke plant he would always Tell jokes and yell Hey Baby!!!! He was one of a kind !! We will sure miss him . Howard and Mary Haught*



mary haught - May 03, 2024 at 08:40 PM

T(

“ *The Eberts (Ohio) purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Wilbert "Big Willie" Ebert.*



The Eberts (Ohio) - May 03, 2024 at 08:28 AM

JS

“ Jim, Becky, Lisa, Jim, Steve & Stacy planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Wilbert "Big Willie" Ebert.

Jim, Becky, Lisa, Jim, Steve & Stacy - May 03, 2024 at 07:59 AM

JS

“ Jim, Becky, Lisa, Jim, Steve & Stacy purchased the Amazing Grace 44" Sonnet for the family of Wilbert "Big Willie" Ebert.



Jim, Becky, Lisa, Jim, Steve & Stacy - May 03, 2024 at 07:59 AM

KS

“ Kevin S. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Wilbert "Big Willie" Ebert.

Kevin S. - May 02, 2024 at 09:35 PM

YF

“ Your CTC Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Wilbert "Big Willie" Ebert.

Your CTC Family - May 02, 2024 at 04:50 PM



“ *Serene Reflections Bouquet was purchased for the family of Wilbert "Big Willie" Ebert.*



May 02, 2024 at 04:50 PM



“ *Heather and Justin Kirstein purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Wilbert "Big Willie" Ebert.*



Heather and Justin Kirstein - May 02, 2024 at 12:51 PM



“ *Safety Office & AD purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Wilbert "Big Willie" Ebert.*



Safety Office & AD - May 02, 2024 at 10:05 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 Wilbert M. Ebert, 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 Veteran, Wilbert M. Ebert, 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 02, 2024 at 09:20 AM

DA

“ *My sincere and humble condolences to the family and friends of "Willie" .I grew up with "Willie" and the Ebert family family. I have nothing but fond and wonderful memories. God Bless, Denny Albaugh*

Dennis R Albaugh - May 02, 2024 at 08:48 AM



“ Sweet Tranquility Basket was purchased for the family of Wilbert "Big Willie" Ebert.



May 01, 2024 at 10:35 PM



“ Love, Lyle, Marty, Sammy, Auggie planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Wilbert "Big Willie" Ebert.

Love, Lyle, Marty, Sammy, Auggie - May 01, 2024 at 10:35 PM



“ Big Willie was my Pappy. He was my favorite man in the world. He was more like a father to me than a grandfather. He used to ride me around on his back yelling Ayatolla Rock'n'Rolla and AyeAyeAye! He was perpetually grumpy, but also caring and loving. My fondest memory is the picture below. Me and Pappy cuddling on the couch. I love you Pappy, I'm glad you're finally pain free.



Chasity Phillips - May 01, 2024 at 09:42 PM

TK

“ I don't think I'll ever meet a person more genuine than Willie. Didn't matter who you were he treated everyone the same. The 20 plus years we worked together at coke were some of the best times I had. Rest in peace my friend. Sorry for your loss Red, Chris, Michelle, Jennifer and the rest of family

TK - May 01, 2024 at 06:50 PM

SN

“ Sherry Nixon lit a candle in memory of Wilbert "Big Willie" Ebert



Sherry Nixon - May 01, 2024 at 05:26 PM

SN

“ There is so much to say about Uncle Willie aka Big Willie. He was one of the hardest workers I've known in my 51 years. He loved his family with everything he had in him. If he wasn't teaching us to ride a bike he was teaching you how to put a sinker and hook on a fishing pool. The sleepovers at Aunt Jeanie and his house are memories none of us will ever forget. He was everyone's Fulton Dad and he was BIG WILLIE married to his love Aunt Jeanie aka RED. They loved all of us Fulton kids like their own and was ALWAYS there no matter what was going on

in their life's, they was ALWAYS there when we needed them. This world lost a Great Man yesterday and he will forever be missed and loved by so many. Save me a cold one and Thanks for the 51 years of love and once in awhile a swift kick in my butt to straighten me up



Sherry Nixon - May 01, 2024 at 05:24 PM

SK

I first saw him on the internet after his viral video on TikTok. Shatters my heart to see he died... Love from me!

Sebastian Kettler - January 28, 2025 at 01:47 PM