



Lawrence Fredrick Leffel

November 4, 2013

Lawrence Fred Leffel, 89 of New Castle, passed away Monday, November 4, 2013. Fred was a member of Craig Healing Springs Christian Church. He was an avid bear hunter, golfer, and had a love for all animals. Fred served in the United States Army during World War II where he received the Purple Heart Medal of Honor.

He was preceded in death by his mother Della Leffel Davis and brother Jack L. Sims. He is survived by loving wife of over 50 years, Geneva Ferrell Leffel; daughter and son-in-law Shirley Leffel Kingery and husband Billy; niece (raised as daughter) Lynne Ferrell May and husband Lucky; grandchildren Jacob (Melissa), Gregory (Brooke), and Christopher May; great-grandchildren Landon, Laikan, and Waylon May.

Graveside Services will be held 2:00 PM Thursday, November 7, 2013 at Craig Healing Springs Christian Church Cemetery with Pastor Bill Frazier officiating. Military Rites will be performed by VFW Post #4491. The family will receive friends 6-8 PM Wednesday, November 6, 2013 at Paitself Funeral Home in New Castle. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Craig Valley VFW Post #4491 307 Virginia Mineral Springs Road New Castle, VA 24127 www.paitselfh.com

Tribute Wall

RF

“ sorry for your loss

robert fisher - November 07, 2013 at 12:00 AM

JF

“ Fred was a great friend. I remember a visit to New Castle with my daughter in 1996. Rebecca went for a walk in the woods, she decided to take a nap on some pine needles, when she woke it was dark, she could no longer see the broken branches she broke as a marker to get back to the cabin. I had begun to look for her but could not see, I drove down this old lane into the woods to try to give her light in case she were there, but I got my big old Lincoln stuck in the woods. I ran out of the woods, down the drive, and on to Fred's place about a quarter of a mile away. Fred rallied friends from around the area and people started looking, that was her redemption because the car lights out looking lead her to the road, and back to Fred who brought her back to me!! The next morning there was 6 inches of snow on the ground and Jake (Fred's grandson) had to pull the Lincoln out of the woods with the tractor and Fred had to take it down the drive so we could go home! Fred kept telling me he was going to take out the side of the Lincoln and there was no other way, but he put it safely on route 658 and we went safely back to Virginia Beach!! Fred was a great friend, mentor, story teller, neighbor, and so on... He will be greatly missed by everyone who knew him. May God bless and keep you until we meet again. I loved you Fred Leffel. Joyce Foreman

Joyce Foreman - November 06, 2013 at 12:00 AM

WA

“ My deepest condolences to Jake and the Family. Although I never had the pleasure of meeting Fred in person I feel as though I have known him for years through the stories of his friends. It is a true testimony to a man's character when his good reputation both proceeds him in life and follows him in the life here after. I know he will be sorely missed.

Wayne Adams - November 05, 2013 at 12:00 AM

SL

“ To Mr. Freds wife and family. My deepest sympathy to all. He was one of my dearest friends. It was a pleasure to have known him. God has another angel in Heaven. Rest in Peace. Love you all.

Sandra Long - November 05, 2013 at 12:00 AM

SM

“ Dear Leffel Family:
Please know our thoughts & prayers are with you all. I am one of the lucky guys that Hoot Gibson treated me with several weekends at the Cabin accross from Mr. Fred's home and had the pleasure of hearing some outstanding stories of his bear hunting adventures and World War II exploites. A true American. It was an honor to know him.

Sam McGovern - November 05, 2013 at 12:00 AM

RP

“ Mr. Fred was a true patriot and America has lost a true Hero. I will always remember the times he visited the cabin and his "Boys" up on the ridge.

Ron Puett - November 05, 2013 at 12:00 AM

RH

“ Mr. Fred was the best friend and neighbor he always was there to help the boys up on the hill and was a great teacher and historian of Craig County. We spent many times together in the Bar & Grill telling stories and sampling the local drink of choice. He will be missed but never forgotten. Ray Harris

ray harris - November 05, 2013 at 12:00 AM

DA

“ We are deeply saddened to learn of Mr. Fred's passing. Our thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time. To Mr. Fred's extended family, you have lost a cherished Husband, Father and Grandfather. Virginia and the world has lost a wonderful man and a dedicated veteran. The "Boys up on the hill" at the MHG Cabin have lost a superb friend, our benchmark and for many of us, our second Father. Mr. Fred epitomized the Perfect Neighbor & Friend. He had a heart of gold that was bigger than all of Craig County. My family and I were greatly honored and blessed beyond measure to be allowed to be a part of Mr. Fred's life. Mr. Fred lives forever in our hearts and cherished memories. Very Respectfully, David (Hoot) Gibson

DAVID - November 05, 2013 at 12:00 AM

BR

“ We are saddened to hear of Fred's passing, we have many fond memories of him and the extended family. The "Craig Springs" friends have lost a treasure. Bruce & Nancy Lanning

Bruce - November 05, 2013 at 12:00 AM

LM

“ Fred was a good man he never met a stranger. He was good to every body. I'm so sorry for your loss.

lewis mcalwee - November 05, 2013 at 12:00 AM

LM

“ Fred never walked away from anyone who needed help and would go out of his way to help a complete stranger.They don't make em like Fred anymore!Have a good journey and know you will be missed by all who knew you!

Lucky May - November 04, 2013 at 12:00 AM

PN

“ We, the staff at Paitzel Funeral Home are deeply sorry for your loss.

Paitzel Funeral Home Nov - November 04, 2013 at 12:00 AM