



Bromley Richard Workman

June 24, 1939 - April 9, 2020

Bromley Richard Workman, 80, of Point Pleasant, passed away Thursday, April 9, 2020, at his home.

Dick was born June 24, 1939, at St. Mary's Hospital in Huntington, WV, a son of the late Bromley See Workman and Grace Louise (Henniger) Workman.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by many uncles and a favorite aunt, as he had a big family on both sides. He was preceded in death by a granddaughter, Allison Catharine Hollis, daughter of Connie (Workman) Hollis, who is buried on the Workman Family Farm, Louisa, KY. He was also preceded in death by his very best, lifelong friend Bobby Errett, formerly of Point Pleasant, WV, and by his once in a lifetime dog Dusty who was a house dog, a duck retriever, and was even known to retrieve an occasional ground hog.

He is survived by his wife, Susan Jane (Hoag) Workman of Point Pleasant; son and daughter-in-law, Douglas Edward and Vickie Workman of Point Pleasant; daughter and son-in-law, Connie Jane and Jessie Lynn Hollis of Columbia, SC; grandchildren, Rachel Lynn (Andy) Blankenship, Hannah Ruth (Kyle) Curry, Mary Grace Workman, Douglas Edward Workman Jr., and Emily Louise (Bruce) Heggie; two great-grandchildren, Case Michael Curry and Bromley Knox Heggie; and brother Larry (Peggy) Workman of Louisa, KY.

Richard was born just before WWII and because of the lack of penicillin due to the war, he suffered untreated ear infections until he was in elementary school. He was eventually hospitalized for four days for a penicillin treatment, but the damage was beyond repair, as he had permanent loss of hearing in his right ear and poor hearing in his left. Dick believed that living with his impairment made him who he was and felt his life may have taken a different turn had he not bore this burden throughout his life. As a young man Dick attended and was baptized at Highlawn Baptist Church in Huntington.

Dick was a graduate of Huntington East High School Class of 1957 and Marshall University Class of 1961 with a B.S. in Biology and continued on to receive his Master's in Science Education. After his first year at Marshall, he and Susan, his high school sweetheart, both 19, were married. She began working various jobs to help them eat, while he completed his college degree.

At the time of graduation, Dick got a job in Point Pleasant, WV at the newly built Point Pleasant Junior High School where he worked for nearly 30 years. He taught science for many years before becoming Vice Principal, until retiring in 1989. He liked teaching very much and was considered a great teacher. He also straightened up many a wayward young man or woman back in the days when discipline looked a little different than today; with many former students actually thanking him for that.

Dick was an avid hunter; believing he was born to hunt as it was in his genes. The love of his life was hunting, fishing and running game dogs: bird dogs, rabbit dogs, fox hounds. He shared many a wonderful day in the great outdoors with his Dad and his favorite hunting buddies: son Doug, brother Larry and nephew Jake, and best friends Bob Errett and Charlie Coffman.

After retirement, the Workmans stayed in Point Pleasant where he continued to enjoy the outdoors and began wood working. The couple enjoyed life for a good many years building a "summer home" at the Louisa, KY farm until health issues eventually began to slow them down.

A private family burial will be held at the Workman Family Cemetery in Louisa, KY.

Services are under the direction of Wilcoxon Funeral Home in Point Pleasant, WV.

Condolences may be expressed to the family and memories may be shared by visiting www.wilcoxenfuneralhome.com

Comments



“ Doug,
So sorry to hear about the loss of your dad. Prayers for comfort for you and your family during this difficult time.

Nick and Kay

Nick and Kay Bostick - April 18, 2020 at 12:00 AM



“ Deepest sympathy firmly grounded in the strong hope in Christ's Holy Resurrection. Prayers for comfort and healing for Doug, Vickie and all of Dick's extended family.



The Romines: Chuck, Phyllis and Family. - April 15, 2020 at 12:00 AM



“ My sincere condolences to the Workman Family. Dick was my mentor as a student teacher, back in the 1960's. Dick, Larry Sawyers and myself shared many good times. My memories of Dick Workman are ALL POSITIVE. He was a great man, who made a positive influence, because he genuinely cared, on many Point Pleasant school children. Virtual hugs to all.

Lanny

Lanny Williamson - April 15, 2020 at 12:00 AM



“ Sue, Connie and Doug: I was a Jr. High Secretary. 1980-1989. He was kind to me and to my kids. Jason and Karla were so sad about the news of his passing. So very hurt for you. I'm hurt for all of us. He will be missed. There was never any doubt that he loved you ... unless it was loving those dogs more. He suffered greatly when Connie's Alli passed away. Now, they are together. And, with his mother and dad. I loved the stories he told about his families. They say West Virginia is Almost Heaven -- but for Dick Workman -- it would be Kentucky. Now, he can go rest high on that mountain with them.

Alice Click - April 15, 2020 at 12:00 AM



“ I am thinking of your family at this difficult time. May God be with you all , hugs sent your way!

Lori Burdette - April 15, 2020 at 12:00 AM



“ So sorry to hear about Mr. Workman. He was such a kind man. I had him in ninth grade science but more important he was a great friend to my brother Bobby. They had many great hunting adventures together. They both loved squirrel hunting from a canoe down the creek at Leon. Our family sends our love and prayers to your family.

Vikki Errett Lieving - April 14, 2020 at 12:00 AM



“ Richard was a friend, coworker, and confidant. As a fellow educator this excerpt from Requiem by Robert Louis Stevenson always made me think of him:

'This be the verse you grave for me:
Here he lies where he longed to be;
Home is sailor, home from sea,
And the hunter home from the hill.'

Richard and I shared a lot of good times and he will be sorely missed. Deepest sympathies to the family.

Virgil 'Jigs' Burriss Jr. - April 14, 2020 at 12:00 AM



“ My father was Boyd Workman, son of Alfred Workman of Louisa Ky
I formerly lived in Gallipolis Ohio There is a Workman cemetery in Louisa Ky and
thought this may be some of our relatives!
Sorry for your loss!
MWorkman Bingham

Minnie Workman Bingham - April 14, 2020 at 12:00 AM



“ My condolences to the Workman family. Mr. Workman was to PPJHS what Mr. Larry
Martin was to PPHS back in the 1980s. Those schools simply could not have
functioned without either of them. I remember him always having a smile and usually
a kind word...unless we juvenile delinquents were up to our normal shenanigans. I'm
glad to have had the opportunity to know him. Brad Smith PPHS '87

Bradford Smith - April 14, 2020 at 12:00 AM



“ I am so very sorry for your loss. We will be praying for you!

Pam Dabney Hinkle - April 14, 2020 at 12:00 AM



“ Bill and I thought the world of Mr. Workman. He was a kind person and a fair Vice
Principal. He will be missed.

Bill and Amy Crank - April 14, 2020 at 12:00 AM



“ Doug, Vickie, and Family, my deepest condolences to you at your
father/grandfather's passing. I didn't know your father, but he must have been a
special person, to raise you, Doug, a good man who passed on wonderful qualities to
your children. You will all be in my prayers. Helen

Helen Randolph - April 14, 2020 at 12:00 AM



“ Doug. .We are so very sorry to hear of the passing of your Dad. Just want you to know you are in our thoughts & prayers..Love you.
Leo & Mary Buck

Leo & Mary Buck - April 14, 2020 at 12:00 AM



“ My condolences to the family, Mr Workman was a wonderful teacher and person. He will be missed.

Janet Williamson - April 14, 2020 at 12:00 AM



“ To say we are sorry just doesn't seem enough! Doug, the caring, godly man your parents raised, says volumes as to who they were. We are sorry for the entire family's great loss and the hole this will leave in your hearts. May our great God comfort each of you with His love,
Kent & Kristy Eldridge

Kristy Eldridge - April 14, 2020 at 12:00 AM



“ So very sorry for your loss! Keeping the family in our thoughts and prayers. Dick will be missed by all who knew him.



Jack and Joyce Gardner-Lee - April 13, 2020 at 12:00 AM



“ Doug, Vickie and family,

So sorry to hear of the passing of your Dad. Remembering you and your family in our thoughts and prayers. Greg & Juli Wamsley

Juli Wamsley - April 13, 2020 at 12:00 AM



“ Sorry to hear about your. Dad. Always a smile on his face. Prayers . Frank and Bonnie

Frank Beckner - April 13, 2020 at 12:00 AM



“ Family: I am heartbroken for you. I was Mr. Workman's secretary for 9.5 years. 80's. I was in the DAR with Sue. There's one thing for sure -- he loved you all!!! He had such a difficult job with all of the kids' problems (and esp their parents--and others) ... The last time I saw him -- ball game. Sue was with Vickie and they were celebrating family night watching the boys ... One time when Mr. W was sick -- with his stomach, I took him egg nog and butter milk. He laughed about why I took it to him -- that was what we gave our sick calves. Being the scientist -- he agreed that it made good sense. His stomach needed a culture. Oh, I am so sorry! Praying for all of you!

Alice Click, BOE Secretary retired - April 11, 2020 at 12:00 AM