



## David Keith Sowards Sr.

March 5, 1935 - August 1, 2015

David Keith Sowards, Sr., affectionately known as Shutter, passed away Saturday, August 1, 2015, in Teays Valley, WV, of Lymphoma, at the age of 80, surrounded by family.

David was born March 5, 1935. Predeceased by Mother, Mary, Stepfather, Paul, Sister, Joyce Holden.

Survived by wife of 57 years, Sara. Sons: David, Jr. (Debra), Dwayne (Tammy). Grandchildren: Joshua (Bethany), Brittany, Jessica (Andrew), Casey, Taylor, Tyler, Brandon, Payton. Great Grandson: Jase. Sister: Tammy Mitchell.

Honorably Discharged from the Air National Guard. Retired from Union Carbide, never missing a day's work in 42 years. Known as the best dad and granddad. He was an avid Mountaineer fan, naming his living room "Shutter Stadium." He had a passion for woodworking and farming with his boys. To all who knew him, they will remember his impeccable brevity, steadfast loyalty, strength of character and work ethic, love of the great outdoors, westerns, his family and oatmeal cakes.

To a great man with an even greater legacy, join us for a memorial service in his honor, Friday, August 21, 2015, at Teays Valley Presbyterian Church. with

Rev. Douglas Jenkins officiating. Friends and family can call 6-7pm; Service to be held at 7pm. The family requests donations to the St. Jude's Children's Hospital ([st.jude.org](http://st.jude.org)) in lieu of flowers. You may visit [www.chapmanfuneralhomes.com](http://www.chapmanfuneralhomes.com) to share sympathies with the family.

Chapman Funeral Home, family-owned and located at 3941 Teays Valley Road, Hurricane is honored to serve the Sowards family.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

AUG 21. 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Teays Valley Presbyterian Church  
4122 Teays Valley Road  
Scott Depot, WV 25560

## Celebration of Life

AUG 21. 7:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *David Keith Sowards Sr.*

October 06, 2023 at 08:41 AM



“ *Davey & Dwayne,*

*I am sorry to hear about your dad's passing. You and your family are in my prayers.*

*Darrell Ferguson, Greensboro, NC*

**Darrell Ferguson** - August 18, 2015 at 08:57 AM



“ *Shutter, who I never knew him of any other name was very special to my family. He especially liked to hear and always laughed of my daughter Kelli's Georgia southern draw.*

*Several years ago when we were all vacationing together at Myrtle Beach, we brought with us some Mayhaw jelly which is a staple in the south. He loved the jelly and took the rest of the jar back with him to West Virginia. Thereafter we periodically sent him some jars of jelly. he always let me know when he was out and on my recent visit to WVA, he told me he sure would like some, I assured him I would bring some on my visit in October. He also loved a grilled steak and told my husband Steve he was ready for another one of his grilled steaks. To you Shutter up in heaven.....we will miss you and our visits home will not be the same without you.*



**Denise Pope** - August 16, 2015 at 07:01 PM