



## Harold Lewis Rulen

February 22, 1931 - May 4, 2024

Harold Lewis Rulen 93, of Hurricane, WV peacefully passed away Saturday May 4, 2024 at Emogene Dolin Jones Hospice House Huntington, WV following a short illness.

He was born on February 22, 1931 to the late Charles and Alice Canterbury Rulen. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by Jessie, his wife of 69 years; brothers: Charles W. "Pete" Rulen and Dale S. "Sanders" Rulen; sister: Linda Raike; and granddaughter: Heather Wood.

Harold was a member of First Baptist Church of Hurricane and a graduate of Point Pleasant High School Class of 1948. His employment started with AEP at the Kyger Creek Plant and ended with his retirement as the founding manager of Central Machine Shop in 1992.

He is survived by children: Robert (Cristi) Rulen of Point Pleasant, WV, Kay (Jerry) Tucker of Hurricane, WV, Donna (Bruce) Belfield of Greenville, SC and Linda Cargill of Hurricane, WV; eight grandchildren, nineteen great-grandchildren and sister, Carolyn "Buckles" Hinson of Gallipolis Ferry, WV.

Funeral Service for Harold will be 2:00 pm Sunday May 12, 2024 at Chapman Funeral Home Hurricane, WV with Rev. Jerry Losh officiating.

Burial will follow in Beale Chapel Cemetery Apple Grove, WV.

Friends may visit with the family one hour prior to the service.

Anyone wishing to leave an online memory may do so by visiting his tribute page at: [www.chapmanfuneralhomes.com](http://www.chapmanfuneralhomes.com).

Chapman Funeral Home 3941 Teays Valley Road Hurricane, WV 25526 is honored to serve the Rulen family.

# Cemetery Details

## Beale Chapel Cemetery

Apple Grove, WV

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAY 12. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Chapman Funeral Home  
3941 Teays Valley Road  
Hurricane, WV 25526

## Funeral Service

MAY 12. 2:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

MM

“ I remember the Rulen family. I am Marsha Monk. Joyce and Dick Monks daughter.  
My thoughts and prayers go out to all of you. We are never ready to lose our loved ones. Thinking of all of you 🙏🙏😇❤️⭐🌈

Marsha Monk - October 31, 2024 at 11:18 PM

PH

“ Harold worked with my dad. Lester Crooks they were neighbors. Jesse and my mom were avid mushroom hunters and friends. God bless and take care.

Pamela Hagemeyer - October 23, 2024 at 05:30 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Harold Lewis Rulen.



May 11, 2024 at 09:56 AM

CP

“ Cargill Great Grandkids PJRRG planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Harold Lewis Rulen.

Cargill Great Grandkids PJRRG - May 11, 2024 at 08:35 AM

CP

“ *Cargill Great Grandkids PJRRG purchased the Basket Full of Wishes for the family of Harold Lewis Rulen.*



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**Cargill Great Grandkids PJRRG** - May 11, 2024 at 08:35 AM

VP

“ *My family and i have had the pleasure of being neighbors with the Rulen family for forty years plus. Over these years I have witnessed Harold help many neighbors with projects, sharing his tools and his do it your self expert abilities to fix anything and everything. His many acts of generosity were unspoken, he was strong in his faith, love for his family. He was such a kind soul and always a gentleman. He enjoyed watching little ones in our neighborhood grow and would always make sure he had a treat for them. Since the loss of his beloved wife anytime I would inquire about how he was doing the answer never changed, he would say I'm just waiting to be with Jessie. He loved her deeply and I know they have had such a sweet reunion! I pray that his children have peace in their hearts knowing that he is at rest with the love of his life and they are in the arms of Jesus. Heaven has truly gained a wonderful angel ! My prayer is for his children that they seek God's comfort at this difficult time.*

*. My sympathies and love, Vickie Price*

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**Vickie Price** - May 10, 2024 at 11:10 AM

DB

*Thank you Vickie for sharing your kind and very touching memories of Dad. You and your family have been wonderful neighbors to both Mom and Dad over the years.*

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**Donna Belfield** - May 11, 2024 at 07:37 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Harold Lewis Rulen.*



May 08, 2024 at 01:12 PM



“ *Siders Family Reunion purchased the Sacred Duty Spray for the family of Harold Lewis Rulen.*



**Siders Family Reunion** - May 08, 2024 at 10:38 AM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Harold Lewis Rulen.*



May 08, 2024 at 10:33 AM



“ *As president of the Point Pleasant High School alumni association, I would like to extend our sincere sympathy on the loss of Mr. Rulen. He was often an attendee of our annual alumni scholarship dinner every July. I send our prayers for comfort for the family at this time.*

**Rick Handley** - May 08, 2024 at 09:46 AM

LC

*Thank you ❤️*

**Linda Rulen Cargill** - May 08, 2024 at 04:39 PM

LC

*Thank you ❤️*

**Linda Rulen Cargill** - May 08, 2024 at 04:39 PM

DB

*Thank you for your prayers Rick. Dad certainly enjoyed attending the annual reunions whenever he could, and we loved taking him.*

**Donna Belfield** - May 11, 2024 at 07:50 PM

MP

“ 1 file added to the album *Rulen, Harold*



**Mary Poling** - May 07, 2024 at 11:23 PM

“ My memories and information gathered from talks with Uncle Harold. Uncle Harold loved to tell everyone how he met the love of his life. It was love at first sight.

He and Aunt Jessie were early risers. It was not uncommon for them to be up at 4 or 5 in the morning having their cup of coffee. They also ended their day early. You might find them in their lounge clothes after supper.

Uncle Harold loved garage sales and finding bicycles that he could repair. He gave away many like-new bikes. He liked getting to the sales early and even took us out the night before, when people were setting up, and asked the homeowners if we could take a peek. He loved working on old radios and loved showing people his room (man cave). He kept an antique car in his garage for many years.

He grew up ice skating during the winter months on the county ponds. He was probably the one who got me eating a tub of popcorn by myself. Love that snack. His card game was Rummy and you had to earn the title of winner.

He loved being out in the sunshine and always had a tan, never a burn. He and Aunt Jessie went on several bus trips with groups seeing many US sites. They loved going to Myrtle Beach and Florida on vacations. Uncle Harold loved to fish and spent some time at Lake Okeechobee, FL. We went for a visit and he took a boat out for fishing, and took his fishing guest around and around in circles. They finally made their way back home, but without any fish. He started life at Gallipolis Ferry, WV. Other places of residence: Henderson, Point Pleasant, and Hurricane in West Virginia; Sullivan and Graysville in Indiana

He was a hard worker and received recognition for his cost-cutting ideas at work. His many work hats included being a deckhand for the Ohio River Company, mechanic for Ford Garage, then worked in plant maintenance with the Ohio Valley Electric Corporation, General Electric, and Appalachian Power Company. He became maintenance supervisor from the birth of the John E. Amos Plant. He ended his work career at the Central Machine Shop as manager. He and Aunt Jessie were there for me in an emergency trip to the

*hospital. This was probably the fastest that he ever drove in his life! Their kind hearts were always ready to help and they always looked for the best in people. He enjoyed visitors, and we always enjoyed stopping in and hearing about new adventures in his life. He would drop a dollar bill on the steps for the young children to find and finders were keepers.*

*He and his lovely bride were more than an aunt and uncle to our generation. We were treated as their own children with love and discipline. Uncle Harold was a true gentleman and will be missed more than words can say. We were blessed to have him in our life, and we will meet again in our heavenly home. My love to all my sisters and brothers in Christ.*

*Mary and Al sends deepest sympathy.*

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**Mary Poling** - May 07, 2024 at 10:30 PM

LC

*Thank you for sharing the wonderful memories ❤️*

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**Linda Rulen Cargill** - May 08, 2024 at 04:43 PM

DB

*What a great tribute Mary. It brought a smile to my face. Thank you.*

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**Donna Belfield** - May 11, 2024 at 08:00 PM

TF

“ *The Alvey Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Harold Lewis Rulen.*

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**The Alvey Family** - May 06, 2024 at 09:20 PM

TF

“ *The Alvey Family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Harold Lewis Rulen.*



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**The Alvey Family** - May 06, 2024 at 09:20 PM

CD

“ *This man gave me a job when I was at the lowest point in my life after divorce. Didn't know how I was going to make enough money to raise my kids. He was a very honest and smart man. My days at Central Machine Shop were enjoyed very much. How lucky was to have landed that job, He hired me the same day of my interview.*

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**connie Dawson** - May 06, 2024 at 05:41 PM

DB

*Connie, Thank you for sharing your sweet memories of our Dad.*

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**Donna Belfield** - May 11, 2024 at 08:06 PM

RM

“ *Harold Rulen had a great influence on my life in a very positive manner. I was very sad to hear of his passing. My condolences and prayers to all his family and friends.*

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**Robin Margolis** - May 06, 2024 at 02:13 PM