



## Sanford Bryant Cunningham

February 23, 1961 - June 14, 2024

It is with deep sadness that we announce the passing of our beloved husband, father, and grandfather, Sanford "Sam" Bryant Cunningham of Winfield, West Virginia who left us on June 14, 2024, at the age of 63. After courageously battling a chronic illness, he passed away peacefully surrounded by his family.

Sam was born to the late Sanford Otmer and Charlotte Louise Cunningham (nèe Songer), formerly of Dunbar, West Virginia.

Sam was a 1979 graduate of Dunbar High School and went on to attend Marshall University on a wrestling scholarship. His love for the outdoors led him to a career in surveying, working in both West Virginia and Florida. Sam founded and operated Cunningham Surveying providing land surveying services to the Kanawha Valley and surrounding regions. In addition to his entrepreneurial endeavors, he dedicated over 29 years as a coal equipment operator at the John E. Amos Power Plant.

He was most known for his humor and practical jokes. When he was not harassing his family, friends, and co-workers for a good laugh, he enjoyed being an avid outdoorsman and scuba diver. His favorite place to relax was on the white beaches of Florida listening to a WVU game on the radio.

Sam was a devoted husband to Kimberlee Cunningham (née Cochran) for 41 wonderful years and a loving father to their three children: Cody Cunningham, Laney (Dylan) Johnson, and Tanner Cunningham. He adored his grandchildren, Olive Johnson and Rennick Johnson, whose lives he enriched with immense love and pride.

He is survived by his wife, his children, grandchildren, and numerous relatives and friends who cherished his presence in their lives. Sam's legacy of good humor, love, dedication, and hard work will forever remain in the hearts of those who knew and loved him

A private family service will be held to celebrate Sam's life at a later time.

In lieu of flowers, please consider donating to the American Kidney Fund or Shriners Hospitals for Children in memory of Sanford Bryant Cunningham.

You may visit Sam's tribute page at [www.ChapmanFuneralHomes.com](http://www.ChapmanFuneralHomes.com) to share memories and offer condolences to the family.

Chapman Funeral Home 12848 Winfield Road Winfield, WV 25213 is honored to serve the Cunningham family.

# Tribute Wall

DW

“ My heartfelt condolence to the Cunningham family. Throughout the years at the Amos plant, our paths crossed quite a few times. Sammy was always upbeat and in good spirits. May he rest in the hands of our Lord, and his family find some comfort in knowing they shall one day meet with Sammy again. God bless.

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**David L Waggoner** - June 18, 2024 at 08:06 PM

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“ I worked with Sammy for years at the Amos plant. We did work different departments but our paths crossed a lot. We were on the same team and he always had time to talk to you. Sammy was liked by all that knew him and will be greatly missed. RIP ol friend it was an honor to know you. Steve Deahl

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**Steve Deahl** - June 17, 2024 at 10:36 PM

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“ My name is WyJean Sharp and I knew Sam because we both worked at the John Amos Plant. Sam was a hard worker and made sure i got his paycheck correct. He was a dedicated hard worker and loved providing for his family. My condolences to the family and when the dark days and hours enter your heart and mind, I hope the memories you have brighten your days.

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**WyJean Sharp** - June 17, 2024 at 09:09 PM

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“ I want anyone who sees this to know that my dad Sam was the most hardworking, hilarious and supportive dad but also the most wonderful Pawpaw to his two grandkids who love and miss him immensely. We love you dad and the loss of you has shattered our hearts. Dad I just can't believe we aren't gonna laugh together again.



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Laney - June 17, 2024 at 02:38 PM