



## Walter Clark Harpold

April 28, 2017

Walter Clark Harpold, 92, formerly of St. Albans, passed away at Cabell Health Care Center on April 28th.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Marge Pierce Harpold; grandson, Nicholas Harpold; parents, Elias Clark and Bertha Bumgarner Harpold; sister, Hattie Harpold Parsons and brother, Ray Harpold.

Walter grew up in Gay, West Virginia and joined the United State Air Force during WWII. He was a staff sergeant and flew in a B-17 as the ball turret gunner. He was a member of "Pappy's Crew" and they flew 35 missions out of England with the 388th Bomb Group. He was also active in the West Virginia Eighth Air Force Historical Society. After the war, he earned his engineering degree from West Virginia Tech and retired from Union Carbide Corporation in 1985 after 38 years of service.

Walter loved God, his family, WVU, and the Cincinnati Reds. His love of sports kept him active for many years coaching baseball in St. Albans. He was also known to call in to many of the local sports talk radio shows as he was very versed in sports history. He loved going to WVU football games with his neighborhood buddies and they got season tickets together for many years. He and wife Marge were very active members of St. Luke United Methodist Church, St. Albans. In his latter years, he also loved going to Hansford

Community Center for their senior luncheons. Walter will always be remembered for his great sense of humor, wit, gentle demeanor and kind disposition towards everyone.

He is survived by his son and daughter-in-law, Randy and Cherie Harpold of Winfield and daughter Cheri Harpold of St. Albans; granddaughter, Megan Harpold and great-granddaughter, Gracie.

Funeral service will be held at 2:00pm Tuesday May 2, 2017 at Bartlett-Chapman Funeral Home, St. Albans with the Rev. Joel M. Harpold officiating. Burial will follow in Cunningham Memorial Park, St. Albans.

Visitation will be held from 6-8pm Monday at the funeral home.

The family would like to extend a special thank you to the staff of the Cabell Health Care Center for the excellent care and love they showed to their father.

In lieu of flowers, donations are encouraged to the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation (envelopes will be available at the funeral home).

Share memories of Walter on his tribute page at [ChapmanFuneralHomes.com](http://ChapmanFuneralHomes.com)

Bartlett-Chapman Funeral Home, family-owned and located at 409 Sixth Avenue, St. Albans is honored to serve the Harpold family.

# Cemetery Details

## Cunningham Memorial Park

815 Cunningham Lane  
Saint Albans, WV 25177

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAY 1. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Bartlett-Chapman Funeral Home  
409 Sixth Avenue  
St. Albans, WV 25177  
(304) 727-4325  
info@chapmanfuneralhomes.com  
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## Funeral Service

MAY 2. 2:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Walter Clark Harpold*

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October 06, 2023 at 08:41 AM



“ *I am so sorry to hear of Walt's passing. Randy and Cheri I remember your dad being such a kind person. I also remember how fun the Myrtle Beach trips and family outings were and just coming over and hanging at your house and visiting with you and your mom and dad. Please accept our condolences and we will definitely keep you and your entire family in our prayers.*

*Doug Lewis*

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**Doug Lewis** - May 19, 2017 at 08:17 AM



“ *Hello Randy and Cheri, very sad to hear about Walt, please accept my condolences and prayers. I remember fondly swapping Cincinnati Reds stories as I was a big fan but Walt was a huge fan. I can remember the picnics, beach trips, and Thanksgiving dinners with our families it was always fun to visit with Walt. I hope you are both doing well, take care.*

*Donnie Lewis*

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**Don Lewis** - May 11, 2017 at 11:15 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Walter Clark Harpold.*



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May 01, 2017 at 08:38 AM



“ *Randy, sorry to hear about your dad. Remember the days he was coaching baseball in S A. Thoughts and Prayers*

*Jim Perry*

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**Jim Perry** - May 01, 2017 at 03:51 AM



“ *Many prayers for the Harpold family in the coming days. Walt was an amazing family man and loved by so many. I am sure your Mom was there waiting with open arms. I am in Mexico this week or I would be there* ❤️

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**Diane Abshire** - April 30, 2017 at 06:19 AM

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“ I have heard about Harpold a lot of my life and certainly since my dad retired 30 years ago, and was able to attend the 388th reunions, My dad and Harpold hung out together in England in the air and on the ground. I first met the Harpold family in Savannah Georgia at a 388th reunion. Cheri, we sat at the "kids table", while Pappy's crew and wives ate dinner together. Apparently while in England Harpold bought a bicycle, was working on it, got mad at it, threw it in a ditch, my dad bought it from him, got it back together and sold it for a slight profit.

*Frances Ammons, daughter of David Stewart.*

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**Frances Ammons** - April 29, 2017 at 09:14 PM

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“ Walt was a truly good man. He always was kind and gentle and worked tirelessly for the church. He will be missed. I'm sure he is glad to see Marge again and, most of all, to meet his Savior face to face.

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**Connie Payne Whorton** - April 29, 2017 at 04:34 PM