



## Tommy Rexel "T.R." Wickline

December 22, 1921 - March 13, 2020

Tommy Rexel (T.R) Wickline, 98 of Huntington, West Virginia passed away peacefully with his family at his bedside at Wyngate Assisted Living Facility on Friday, March 13, 2020.

T.R. was born on December 22, 1921 to Manuel Neff Wickline and Ida May Cline Wickline (Russell) at home in Mohawk, West Virginia. He is preceded in death by his parents, one brother Hammond Wickline (California) and one sister Lahona Wickline Ruby of (Walbride, OH) and son-in-law Denny Humrichouser (Davenport, FL).

He is survived by his wife of 71 years Lena Imogene Blankenship Wickline; they were married on September 4, 1948; two daughters, Melody Wickline Humrichouser of Davenport, FL and Teresa Wickline Dailey (Stephen) of Huntington, WV; five grandchildren Denise Humrichouser of Columbus, OH; Greg (Betsy) Humrichouser of Indianapolis, IN; Brian Humrichouser of Bangkok, Thailand; and loving grandchildren and caregivers Sarah Dailey Short (Gary) of Huntington, WV, Jessica Dailey Haas (Scott) of Barboursville, WV; seven great grandchildren, Courtney Short Prudhomme (Marcus) of Kinder, LA, Bryce Hayton of Columbus, OH, Raegan Elizabeth Haas of Barboursville, Marlee Rebecca Haas of Barboursville, WV Morgan, Rilynn and Merritt Humrichouser of Indianapolis, IN; three great great grandchildren, Eli and Jay Prudhomme of Kinder, LA and Ariella of Columbus, OH.

T. R is a United States Navy Veteran serving from 1940-1946 and is the last Pearl Harbor Survivor in the state of West Virginia. He served aboard the USS Maryland (BB46) on the day of December 7, 1941 as a Aviation Machinist Mate Second Class then during the attack as a firefighter keeping the burning oil off the ship. He continued to serve in 9 more major battles during World War II. He worked for Gulf Oil as a tank truck driver and retired on December 17, 1978. He was a faithful member Riverview United Methodist Church (Harmony) for over 62 years teaching the adult Sunday school class for over 49 of those years. He was an active member in the Altizer community teaching boy scouts, leading youth groups, an active committee member and a choir member. He was an avid gardener, wood worker and loved his family dearly. He loved to talk about the Bible and leading others to Jesus.

Services will be conducted 1:00 pm Tuesday, March 17, 2020, at Chapman's Mortuary, Huntington, WV, with Pastor Phil Wilson officiating. Entombment will be in White Chapel

Memorial Gardens in Barboursville, WV, . with full military honors conducted by Veterans Honor Guard Post 16. The family would like to thank Kayla, Sandy and the entire nursing and resident staff at Wyngate for their loving support during this time. In Lieu of flowers the family has asked that donations be made in his honor to the Wounded Warrior Project. Visitation will be from noon to 1:00 pm Tuesday at Chapman's Mortuary.

# Cemetery

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## White Chapel Memorial Gardens

3547 Rt 60

Barboursville, WV, 25504

# Events

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**MAR** **Visitation** 12:00PM - 01:00PM

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Chapman's Mortuary

2851 3rd Ave., Huntington, WV, US, 25702

**MAR** **Funeral Ceremony** 01:00PM

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# Comments

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“ So sorry for your loss! T.R. and my grandfather Wetzal "Sundown" Sanders (pictured) were the last two living Pearl Harbor survivors from West Virginia. They don't make men like them anymore. The Greatest Generation is fading fast and it is our duty to keep their memories alive. I had the honor of talking with T.R. a few times while he and my grandfather resided in the dance facility. He was a true American Patriot! I hope you find peace in knowing that he is now reunited with his military brothers and that we will also see them again someday.



**B.J. Handley** - April 11, 2020 at 02:07 AM

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“ Dear Lena and family, Erin and I are so sorry for your loss. Tommy was our Sunday school teacher when we first came to Riverview around 1993. He called us one morning and invited us to join his class. On top of being one of the most knowledgeable people we've ever met, he was an incredible human being. Tommy was the EF Hutton of Christianity--"when he talked, everybody listened. He taught us so much, and every Sunday we learned something new. Some people make the world a better place just by being who they are. We know our lives are richer because of our many discussions with Tommy. Thanks so much, Tommy. I know you're now enjoying all those beautiful things you always told us about. We love you. Maureen and Erin Mick

**Maureen and Erin Mick** - March 16, 2020 at 08:52 PM