



Bessinger, Donald H.

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Donald H. Bessinger, 76, of Spencer, West Virginia, passed away Dec. 7, 2023 at Hubbard Hospice House West in South Charleston, West Virginia.

Don was an oilfield worker for 50 years. He began his career in West Texas at the age of 18 with Dresser Industries. Don began his career as a shop hand and eventually became manager. His career moved him to Wichita Falls for a few years, then he moved to Weatherford for several years. He retired from Dresser Industries after 30 years of service.

After a six-week break, Don had the opportunity to manage Downhole Equipment Department for BJ Services in Mineral Wells. After retiring he moved to West Virginia.

Don was known for his years of chili cookoffs at the different shops that he managed. Drove of people showed up at his shop for his famous chili.

Don enjoyed hunting, fishing and camping. He said he felt closer to God when he

was in the mountains.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Stella Blessing Camp and Lewis Bessinger; a twin brother, Ronald Bessinger; and a sister, Carol Taylor.

He is survived by his wife of 59 years, Frankie Sue Bessinger; daughters, Tammy Jones (Lesley), Pam Heis (Bill); granddaughter, Jordan Jones (Lee Posten); grandsons, Kale Jones (Melissa), Nathan Heis (Rachael), Daniel Heis (Jessica), David Heis (Natalie); four great grandchildren, Kohen Heis, Aliyah Heis, Branson Heis and Hudson Heis; and sister, Connie Fraley.

Funeral Service was Monday, Dec. 11, 2023 at the Waybright Funeral Home in Ripley, West Virginia. Burial will be at Mt. Zion Cemetery in Roane County, West Virginia.

Memories and condolences may be shared with the family by visiting www.waybrightfuneralhome.com