



## LEROY M. COURTS

August 25, 1951 - December 9, 2020

Leroy M. Courts, 69, of War, WV, passed away Tuesday, December 8, 2020 at his residence. Born August 25, 1951 in Welch, WV, he was the son of the late Floyd R. Courts, Sr. and Mattie Pearl McGlothin Courts.

He was a graduate of Big Creek High and went on to further his career in music and music education from Bluefield State College where he graduated. He on to receive his Master's degree in music. He was a Music Director for the McDowell County Board of Education for many years and taught music throughout McDowell County Schools. He was also very willing to share his music talents with anyone that needed him to play for them. He was also a member of the Calvary Baptist Church in War.

In addition to his parents Leroy was preceded in death by five sisters, Corrine Porter, Gladys Johnson, Pearline Edwards, Josephine Debose, and Valerie Marie Courts; four brothers, Floyd Courts Jr., Herbert Courts, Clyde Courts and Thomas Courts.

Those left to cherish his memories are four sisters, Melinese Courts and Gracie Wallace both of War, Joyce Madrigal and husband Anthony of Tazewell, VA, and Geraldine (Geri) Rosser of Columbus, OH; and his best friend, Michael Lewis of Dayton, OH. He leaves a host of other relatives and friends to cherish his memory.

As a result of the current ongoing Covid-19 situation the family regrets that there will be no visitation or funeral services. The family knows that Leroy was well loved and many people would like to attend, but they wish to help keep

the public safe, therefore the family will honor Leroy, privately.

Follow the wishes of the deceased the body has been cremated.

The Douglas Mortuary in Welch is serving the Courts family. Online condolences may be sent to the family at [www.douglasmortuary.com](http://www.douglasmortuary.com)

# Tribute Wall

RP

“ Prayers to his home and school families. He represented the best kind of teacher.



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**Ray and Karen Perdue Powell** - December 20, 2020 at 12:38 AM

MW

“ I am so sad to hear of your passing Mr. Courts. You were one of the most genuinely kind, authentic, and talented people I ever had the privilege of knowing. I remember being in your music class in War Jr. and then again at Big Creek, and you always treated me so kindly even though I had very little musical ability. You wrote me the kindest letter when I was in school, and I will always treasure that memento. The world has truly lost a great man, but I know heaven's choir has gained one beautiful voice. Rest In Peace Mr. Courts.

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**Meghan Ward** - December 16, 2020 at 06:49 AM

CA

“ Words literally cannot express how heartbroken I am over this. You were an amazing man Mr. Courts. The accomplishments you've made and the lives you've touched are probably astronomical. I will miss you and think of you often my friend. "For the song may end, but the feeling still remains" Lee Courts



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**Catie** - December 15, 2020 at 11:01 PM

JH

“ First off, my deepest and more sincere condolences to the entire family. May God bring you peace and comfort during this time and in the future.

*Mr. Leroy Courts, a name that will live throughout McDowell County for years and years to come. The name that represents so much. Things like professional, educator, counselor, friend, genius, pioneer, kind, genuine, etc. The list goes on and on. I first met Leroy when he became the music teacher at War Jr High School. For someone that had no interest in music at all, I was less than susceptible to learn anything about music. But little did I know, Leroy was slowly getting everyone slowly interested more and more. He taught me how to play the drums, read music, appreciate different genre's of music. He was always there, not matter the obstacle you or him had to face. After graduating, he would always ask me how I was doing and what was new in my life at the time. We served on the board of directors together for several years with Big Creek People In Action, thus again showing his love for his community and how he always wanted to help other people.*

*The world would be so much better if we had a lot more Leroy Courts' in it.*

*Rest easy my friend. Until we meet again!*

*Sincerely*

*Johnny Hankins*

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**Johnny Hankins** - December 15, 2020 at 03:38 PM

CA

*Such a wonderful testimony. Mr. Courts meant a lot to me as well 🥹*

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**Catie** - December 15, 2020 at 10:52 PM

SL

“ So sorry for all of Lee's family and friends with his passing. We shared several New Year's celebrations in Ohio with common friends Leon (Michael) and Jeff. He was always a joy to be around and he loved talking about his music students.

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**Steve Long** - December 13, 2020 at 05:31 PM

DB

“ This world lost a gifted, professional, delightful soul. Such is Heaven ' s gain. He will be greatly missed here.

Sincerely,  
Donna Beavers



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**Donna Beavers** - December 12, 2020 at 09:59 PM

DN

“ Lee was such a good neighbor and friend. We'll remember him as humble and kind and with a laugh that was contagious. Things will simply never be the same in our little community. Sending love and hugs and prayers for comfort to his family and all who loved him.

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**Debbie Null** - December 11, 2020 at 08:03 PM

CB

“ LEE I MET YOU IN 1988. YOU WAS ALWAYS A GOOD FRIEND. ME, YOU & LEON HAD SOME GOOD TIMES. REST EASY MY BROTHER.

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**Clifford Butts** - December 11, 2020 at 05:38 PM

BN

“ *Melinese and family,  
I am so sorry for your loss. I taught with Leroy many years. I worked with him as a cheerleader parent. He and I were in the same Masters program. I never saw an unkind word from him for anyone. He was friendly to all, always professional, and always a gentleman. He will be missed by many.  
My deepest sympathy,  
Brenda Nevi*

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**Brenda Nevi** - December 11, 2020 at 05:04 PM

 Irene  
Masterson

“ *Lee and I worked together for most of our teaching career. He was a brother, friend, and mentor. We made many trips together with the students. We worked on our masters degree together, but most of all we shared many conversations, both humorous and serious. He played at my wedding and he loved to sit and talk with my mother. Lee played the song , " One in a Million" at my wedding. My friend you were the greatest of all times and my one in a million friend! I will always remember you with love in my heart. Tickle the ivories and play your flute with the angels. Rest in sweet peace, my forever friend.*

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**Irene Masterson** - December 11, 2020 at 12:05 PM

IM

“ *Irene and George Masterson purchased the Dish Garden with Fresh Cut Flowers for the family of LEROY M. COURTS.*



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**Irene and George Masterson** - December 11, 2020 at 11:47 AM

SB

“ *Mr. Courts was one of the best people I have ever known. He was the best teacher and friend a person could ever wish for. He will truly be missed. My heart goes out to the family. Shakita*



Shakita Bland - December 11, 2020 at 08:28 AM

RL

“ *Richard, Sylvia and Sabrina Lewis purchased the Peace, Prayers, & Blessings- Lavender and White for the family of LEROY M. COURTS.*



Richard, Sylvia and Sabrina Lewis - December 11, 2020 at 07:00 AM

RM

“ *Now Cousin Leroy can share his beautiful music in the Heavenly Choir among the angels. May God Bless and Comfort the entire Family. R.I.H. 🙏❤️🙏*  
*Renee/Detroit*

Renee Murril - December 10, 2020 at 11:33 PM

JH

“ *Mr. Courts was absolutely one in a million. He was my music teacher at BJHS. He was a sweet man with a heart of gold and a smile (and laugh) that would light up a room. I loved hearing him play the Pink Panther song on the flute. He will be missed by many. My thoughts and prayers are with his family and friends. RIP Mr. Courts!*

Jessica (Baker) Hash - December 10, 2020 at 11:12 PM

LA

“ *Lee Bennett Angles sent a virtual gift in memory of LEROY M. COURTS*



Lee bennett angles - December 10, 2020 at 10:26 PM

LA

*Ive known leroy since middle school then he taught my 2 kids we all loved him so much. I know he has nobworry being sicknno more he is in a forever home and will be singing in that joyus choir*

Lee bennett angles - December 10, 2020 at 10:29 PM

JA

“ *Leroy was my colleague, my brother, and my best friend. We first partnered up with our student performances at War Annex. He was middle school music and I was PE and math. He showed our students the relationship between music and math. Our best year was when we were both music teachers at Southside. We had lunch together along with my daughter Kasey a little over a month ago. We were hoping for another before Christmas. I am selfishly grieving for the loss of my pal, but I know he is rocking those ivories in heaven and in no pain. You were the best my friend, the very best.*



Janine Addair - December 10, 2020 at 10:11 PM

K.k.  
Kuelbs

“ *Mr Courts was my band teacher at Berwind Jr High. He was also the one who encouraged me to take a chance and pursue my music. My family’s prayer are being lifted for his family. R.I.P. my friend. You will be missed.*

K.k. Kuelbs - December 10, 2020 at 09:48 PM

KC

“ *Lee was a kind, gentle man. He sewed covers for my patio furniture cushions. He and Leon and I went to IKEA and I bought the material, and Lee took it home and later sent me the finished covers. He was a genius, I think. My sincere condolences to his family and friends. He will surely be missed.*

*Karen Celik, Brookville, Ohio.*

Karen Celik - December 10, 2020 at 09:43 PM

JR

“ *I was a student of Mr Courts at BJHS . I can say he was a great teacher and very well liked. Prayers for all his family. He will definitely be missed*



Joyce Ritchie - December 10, 2020 at 09:02 PM

RE

“ *Mr. court’s was my band teacher in Junior high and high school he was great teacher and going be missed dearly*

rebecca - December 10, 2020 at 08:44 PM

JR

“ *Jaime Johnson Ring lit a candle in memory of LEROY M. COURTS*



Jaime Johnson Ring - December 10, 2020 at 08:23 PM

JR

“ *Mr.Courts, you made this world so much brighter. I'm thankful for the memories. BJHS band and choir, pageants, school trips. You were one in a million. My heart and prayers go out to his family.* 🙏  
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Jaime Johnson Ring - December 10, 2020 at 08:21 PM

N(

“ *So sorry for the Lost you all have had. He was a wonderful Man and Teacher he will be missed. Praying for you all*



Nawana Baker (Wooley) - December 10, 2020 at 08:14 PM

BH

“ *Condolences to Leroy's family. He was a good soul and will be missed by many.*

Becky Holcomb Hunter - December 10, 2020 at 08:06 PM

MM

“ *Mr. Courts was a great music teacher and will be missed I attended some of his student concerts over the years and he was loved by all his students and he brought out the best in them*

MIKE Mitchem - December 10, 2020 at 07:47 PM

DD

“ *I was a student of Mr Courts @ BJHS, and so enjoyed his dedication to music, and devotion to his students. Years later, he taught my daughter, as well. He will always be a fond memory of my school days, and I will forever miss his amazing talent and his contribution to my love of music. Rest in Heaven, my teacher, my friend*💙



Donna Davis - December 10, 2020 at 07:47 PM

MS

“ *My deepest sympathy to Leroy's family and friends. He was a wonderful person and friend.*

Minnie Stanley - December 10, 2020 at 07:08 PM

TM

“ *My prayers and thoughts go to the family I'm so sorry about Mr. courts he has his angel wings now, now go fly Mr. courts I would remember you always convert one junior high and 77 to 80 I miss you very much thanks for the memories and God bless your family*



teresa oxford metts - December 10, 2020 at 06:52 PM

MV

“ This family was part of my childhood growing up in War and some of the nicest people you would ever meet. My sincere condolences go out to Leroy’s family and many many friends. He’ll be missed by many. RIP my dear friend 🌹

Mary (Berosh) Vestal - December 10, 2020 at 06:41 PM

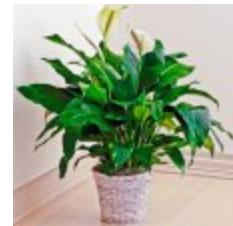
KJ

“ This breaks my heart. RIP Mr. Courts. You were a great teacher and a huge part of my childhood. You were also an amazing friend.

Kristie Hankins Johnson - December 10, 2020 at 06:22 PM



“ Floor Plant for Sympathy was purchased for the family of LEROY M. COURTS.



December 10, 2020 at 04:45 PM

TS

“ Your a legend



Tiffany snead - December 10, 2020 at 04:16 PM

TS

“ Mr.courts not only was you my teacher but my friend I love you and you will forever be in my heart rip

Tiffany snead - December 10, 2020 at 04:15 PM

EJ

“ *My thoughts and prayer's are with the family for your loss.*

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**Ethel Jones** - December 10, 2020 at 04:10 PM

FR

“ *I am so sorry for your loss!! Mr. Courts I am proud to say you was my friend!! A great teacher!! The community lost a great person!!!*

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**Frankie** - December 10, 2020 at 04:05 PM