

James P. Persinger

James P. Persinger, 75, of Crab Orchard, died Wednesday, Jan. 26, 2000, at his residence following a long illness.

Born May 29, 1924, at Clifftop, he was the son of the late John L. and Stella Black-Persinger.

Mr. Persinger was a retired coal miner. He worked in the mines 18 years, including 16 years with Slab Fork Coal Co.

He was a member of Crab Orchard Baptist Church and faithfully attended Crab Orchard Church of the Brethren.



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Mr. Persinger served in the 4th Marine Division of the U.S. Marine Corps during World War II and saw action in Saipan, Iwo Jima and several other islands.

His hobbies were woodworking and camping, and he enjoyed watching his grandchildren participate in sports. He also followed the local baseball teams.

In 1968, he served as post commander of Sophia American Legion Post No. 169.

He was preceded in death by two children, Shirley and Doug; and eight brothers and sisters.

Survivors include his wife, Vada Duncan Persinger; two sons, Dennis Persinger and his wife, Cathy, and Michael Persinger and his wife, Sara, all of Daniels; two daughters, Patricia Rice and her husband, Charles, of Winston-Salem, N.C., and Deborah Mason and her husband, Leroy, of Spotsylvania, Va.; a brother, John Persinger and his wife, Minnie, of Mabscott; nine grandchildren, Julie Tucker, Cheri Horton, Charlie Rice, T.J. Worley, Beth Worley, Angie Persinger, Becky Persinger, Megan Persinger, Melissa Persinger; and nine great-grandchildren.

Services will be 1 p.m. Saturday at Blue Ridge Funeral Home Chapel, Beckley, with the Rev. Jim Stanley officiating. Entombment will follow in Blue Ridge Memorial Gardens Mausoleum, Beckley.

Graveside rites will be conducted by the VFW Post No. 4326 of Sophia/Midway.

Friends may call 6 to 9 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Members of the Crab Orchard Church of the Brethren and friends of the family will serve as pallbearers.

Arrangements by Blue Ridge Funeral Home, Beckley.