

The Honorable Kathy A. Surratt-States

January 24, 2013

Thomas F. Eagleton U.S. Courthouse

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St. Louis, MO 63102

Re: Case No: 12-51502

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U.S. BANKRUPTCY COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF MISSOURI

Dear Honorable Kathy A. Surratt-States:

My name is Cathy Geary and I am writing this letter on behalf of my grandfather, Aubrey Dale Geary of 153 Clearview Drive, Hartford, Kentucky, 42347.

He is known to me as Papaw Dale, and is my father's Dad.

First, I would like to tell you about my Papaw Dale and what he means to our family.

Aubrey Dale Geary was born on October 31, 1929 to Grealg and Lura Geary.

Due to his father Grealg being injured in an accident, and the eldest son James being in the Army in Europe, Papaw Dale stopped his education in the 6th grade and at the age of 12 began working at a saw mill to help support his family.

At age 19 he began his career at Ken Strip Mines in 1948. He married my grandmother Betty and they had five children.

I can't remember a time until after

his retirement that Papaw Dale did not work. He retired in 1992 at which time he had a 4 by pass heart surgery.

In 2001, he underwent laser heart surgery where 34 holes were shot in his heart.

He was diagnosed with Black Lung in 1992 and he has already lost his benefits for that, which he has because of working at Ken Mines.

In 2008 he was diagnosed with Kidney Cancer but he can't undergo the surgery because of his heart condition.

He had a stroke in 2010 and lost sight in his right eye.

Both of his knees are bone to bone and cannot operate on them because of his heart.

Papaw Dale is on oxygen daily for his heart condition and Black Lung.

He takes 11 medications everyday and could not afford them, the oxygen, or the many doctor visits that are required to treat his ongoing conditions.

My Papaw Dale has given 43 years of service to Peabody Coal Company at Ken Mines and was a valued employee that many people thought and still think very highly of. He has endured many physical ailments

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from the hard work conditions and environment that he was exposed to while working for Peabody Coal Company at Ken Mines and he is entitled to the benefits promised to him because without those benefits he faces financial and medical hardships that could be life threatening to him.

Papaw Dale is a kind, caring, and giving person who believes in God and doing what is right, and that is all that he asks, that you require Patriot Coal Company to do the right thing and keep their promise to the many great people, my Papaw Dale included, who have given so much of themselves to their company.

Thank you for your courtesies.

Sincerely,

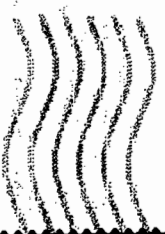
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