



Annabel Hottel Racey

August 4, 1938 - June 9, 2026

The staff of Heishman Funeral Home/Valley Funeral Service sends condolences to the family of Mrs. Annabel Hottel Racey.

Annabel Hottel Racey, passed away on Tuesday, June 9, 2026 at Blue Ridge Hospice In Care Center in Winchester. The funeral service will be Thursday, June 18 at 2:00 p.m. at Valley Pike Church of the Brethren in Maurertown. Pastor Jonathan Fletcher will officiate. Burial will follow in the church cemetery. The family will receive friends an hour prior to the service at the church.

Mrs. Racey was born August 4, 1938 in Woodstock, daughter of the late John Paul and Eva Sager Hottel. She was preceded in death by her husband of 63 years, Melvin Racey; daughter, Deborah Ann Racey Bowers; sister, Carolyn H. Racey; two brothers and their wives, John (Priscilla) Hottel and James (Patricia) Hottel; and brother-in-law Beverly Mitchell.

She is survived by her son-in-law, Wayne Bowers and wife Vonnie; grandsons, Adam (Megan) Bowers, Aaron (Jessica) Bowers and Alan (Christa) Bowers all of Woodstock; great grandchildren, Abigail and Leah Bowers and Payton and Keira Bowers; sister, Mary Evelyn Hottel Mitchell of Flowery Branch, GA and many nieces and nephews.

Annabel was a 1957 graduate of Woodstock High School. She grew up and was baptized in the faith at Woodstock Disciples of Christ Church, later transferring her membership to Valley Pike Church. She served in many areas of church life as Deacon, Church Board member, Clerk, Sunday School Teacher, Choir Member and sang in several small groups, and was song leader of Sunday School and Worship. Her vocational interest was nursing, having worked at Shen. Co. Memorial Hospital, first as an aide then as a Licensed Practical Nurse and retired in 2000 after over 30 years as an Operating Room Nurse.

Pallbearers will be Wayne, Adam, Aaron and Alan Bowers, Garlan and Guy Gochenour.

Honorary pallbearers will be Gary Keeler, Kenny Hamrick, Jeff Delano, Larry Ryman, Matthew Gochenour and Jeff Danielson.

WHS class of 1957 and members of the Sunday School Class will attend in groups.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to Shriners Hospitals for Children, 2900 N. Rocky Pointe Drive, Tampa, Florida, 33607.

She was interested in sewing, making some clothes in her early years and then at her daughter's request making her wedding gown. She loved flowers of all kinds and colors and seeing rainbows. Most of all she loved being a homemaker, wife, grandmother, and great grandmother as well as aunt and great aunt to her many nieces and nephews.

Online condolences may be left at www.valleyfs.com.

Arrangements by Heishman Funeral Home Inc., Valley Funeral Service

Branch, Edinburg.

Cemetery Details

Valley Pike Church of the Brethren Cemetery

Maurertown, VA 22644

Upcoming Events

Receive Friends

JUN 18. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Valley Pike Church of the Brethren
83 Headley Road
Maurertown, VA 22644

Funeral Service

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