



Ashby Hope Estep

March 17, 1925 - January 29, 2021

Ashby Hope Estep, 95, formerly of New Market, died Friday, Jan. 29, 2021, at Sentara RMH Medical Center in Harrisonburg. Mr. Estep was born May 17, 1925, in Quicksburg, Va., to the late Crowell and Eltie Swartz Estep. Mr. Estep was a member of St. Martin's Lutheran Church, west of New Market. He served in the Marine Corps during WWII, receiving a Purple Heart. He was a sharpshooter on Iwo Jima, where he protected the Marines that raised the flag. He was a charter member of Hassler-Sutphin American Legion Post 166 and was a past commander. He was also building chairman when the American Legion was built. He was past commander of the Massanutten VFW Post 2447 in Edinburg and a member of the Mount Jackson Moose Lodge. Mr. Estep was a rural mail carrier and retired in 1985. He also was a member of Shenvalee Golf Club and loved to play golf and garden. He is survived by his son, Robert Estep (Judy) of Quicksburg; and daughter, Janet Duncan (Mahlon Jr.) of Mount Jackson. He is also survived by five grandchildren, Kevin Estep (Heather) of Luray, Travis Duncan (Mickie) of Mount Jackson, Kimberly Siever (Wesley) of Broadway, Stephanie Shafer (JR) of Harrisonburg and Timothy (Liz) of Concord; and six great-grandchildren, Hannah and Avery Duncan, Bradley and Skye Siever, Zachary and Rebekah Shafer, and Charley and Andrew Duncan. He is preceded in death by his wife, Nina Evelyn Helsley Estep, whom he married March 15, 1947; daughter, Nina Desper (Eddie); son, Jerry Estep; and brothers, Raymond, Carl, Earl, Sam and Chester Estep. The family will have a private burial at Zirkle Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations

may be made to St. Martin's Lutheran Church, c/o Ramona Neese, 2235 River Road, New Market, VA 22844. Arrangements are by Dellinger Funeral Home, Theis Chapel, in New Market. Online condolences may be made at www.dellingerfuneralhome.com. Cemetery Details Zirkle Cemetery

Tribute Wall

SM

“ *I'm very sorry for your loss.*

Saraona Minnich - March 27, 2021 at 12:00 AM

JL

“ *I watched Ash walk out on the ice on #1 Miller where his ball rested Hit his sand wedge on the green , spun it back 3 ft and walked up on the green and made the putt. He said ."Hee hee. " as only he could. Loved the guy*

Jimmy Lee - February 20, 2021 at 12:00 AM

VF

“ *So sorry to hear of Ashby's passing. You are all in my thoughts and prayers*

Valerie Fultz - February 18, 2021 at 12:00 AM

CA

“ *We are so very sorry for your loss, may God give you comfort and strength, prayers for you all.*

carole - February 03, 2021 at 12:00 AM

CM

“ *To the family, I am so sorry for your loss. Robert and I were classmates at Stonewall. There are no words that can comfort at a time of loss. But, I hope it gives you some peace to know so many people care. My heartfelt condolences.*

Cheryl Kay Moody - February 02, 2021 at 12:00 AM

JC

“ *Mr. Estep delivered mail to my family's farm, "Hardscrable Farm" for many years . I always enjoyed chatting with him when possible. Having served as a Marine in later years I share a bond. He was a great person. My condolences to his family. Semper Fi, Sir. Jay Campbell*

Jay Campbell - February 02, 2021 at 12:00 AM