



## Charles Stewart Bly

November 4, 1944 - November 1, 2025

The staff of Heishman Funeral Home Inc., Heishman Funeral Service sends condolences to the family of Charles Stewart Bly.

Charles Stewart Bly, 80, of Toms Brook, Virginia, passed peacefully in his sleep on Saturday, November 1, 2025. The funeral service will be held Thursday, November 6, 2025, at 2:00 p.m. at Heishman Funeral Service in Woodstock. Reverend David Nesselrodt will officiate. Burial will follow in St. Stephens Lutheran Church Cemetery in Toms Brook. The family will receive friends an hour prior to the service at the funeral home.

Born on November 4, 1944, in Fishers Hill, Virginia, Charles spent his life surrounded by the people and places he loved most. In his childhood, he spent many hours on the family farm with his parents, Irvin and Ruth Hockman Bly and four brothers — Harold, Daniel, John, and Fredrick — and his beloved aunt and uncle, Ted and Lena Hockman. Those days on the farm taught him the value of hard work, loyalty, and family — lessons that shaped the man he became.

He shared nearly 51 wonderful years of marriage with his beloved wife, Betty Jane Bly, who was the light of his life. Together, they built a loving home filled with family, laughter, and cherished memories that will live on forever.

He is survived by his children, Jesse Glover and spouse Ronnie, David Peters and wife Denise, and was preceded in death by his daughter, Donna Miller and her husband Gary and son, Danny Peters. Charles was the most loving and devoted father — strong, kind, and always ready to lend a helping hand or share a laugh. He was an entertaining storyteller, known for keeping everyone laughing and captivated with his tales. He was a steady presence in his children's lives, offering wisdom, warmth, and unconditional love that will continue to guide them every day.

He was a proud grandfather to Allison Spencer, Nathan Sheetz, William Cooke, Madelynn Glover, Caden Glover, Ariel Glover, Brittany Crabill, Alyssa Johnson, Riley Peters, Morgan Peters-Campos, Lindsay McDaniels, Ryan Peters, Amanda Wann, Jason Carter, and Brandon Carter, and a cherished great-grandfather to many great-grandchildren whom he loved dearly.

Charles honorably served his country as a Sergeant in the U.S. Army with the 173rd Airborne Division, where he was a paratrooper during the Vietnam War and retired from Johns Manville after 28 years. After his military service, he devoted much of his life to his love of horses and the outdoors. He was an active member of the Shenandoah Trail Riders Association for many years and found great joy in horseback riding, hunting, and spending time with family and friends in nature. He also loved processing deer, a tradition that brought him pride and gave him another way to share time and stories with those he loved.

Charles shared a deep bond with his animals, especially his loyal dogs Rascal, Skunk, and Lucy, and all of his faithful companions who have since passed. They brought him endless joy and companionship throughout his life.

Pallbearers will be David Peters, Riley Peters, Ronnie Glover, Nathan Sheets, William Cooke, Jacob Bly, and Matthew Bly.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to Mt. Olive United Methodist Church, 12180 Back Road, Toms Brook, VA 22660.

Charles will be remembered for his kind heart, steady presence, and deep love for his family, his country, and the simple joys of life.

Online condolences may be left at [www.valleyfs.com](http://www.valleyfs.com)

Arrangements by Heishman Funeral Home Inc., Heishman Funeral Service Branch, Woodstock.

# Cemetery Details

## St. Stephens Lutheran Church Cemetery

15737 Back Road  
Strasburg , VA 22657

# Previous Events

## Visitation

NOV 6. 1:00 PM (ET)

Heishman Funeral Service  
159 N. Main St.  
Woodstock, VA 22664  
(540) 459-2199  
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## Funeral Service

NOV 6. 2:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Olivia & Caden Glover*



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**Olivia Glover** - November 06, 2025 at 03:30 PM



“ *Kenny and Jennifer Vass and family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Charles Stewart Bly.*

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**Kenny and Jennifer Vass and family** - November 05, 2025 at 04:22 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Charles Stewart Bly.*



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November 05, 2025 at 04:22 PM



“ *You are in my thoughts and prayers, and I'm glad you can now rest and be at peace, you will be greatly missed*

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**Maria Mcfarland** - November 05, 2025 at 03:00 PM

ED

“ *My dad and I both worked with Mr. Bly at Manville. He was always funny and taught me how to ignore the negative and embrace the positive. Rest in Peace.*

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**Elisabeth Thompson Hedrick and Dennis** - November 04, 2025 at 12:38 PM

RL

“ *My heart goes out to Betty and their family. When I think of Charlie I always think of Betty by his side and vice versa. They both were so kind and supportive to my Dad during a really hard time of his life. Charlie would visit often and he and Dad would laugh and tell stories and share news of their families. I had the opportunity to share in those visits at times and always enjoyed the stories Charlie would share. He was a loyal friend and shared his compassion and support through his words and Christian faith. I like to think that he and Dad are again sharing laughs and good stories in their Heavenly home. I will miss him and will always remember him with a smile. My biggest hugs to Betty and the whole family.*



*Rhonda Lively*

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**Rhonda L Lively** - November 03, 2025 at 10:12 PM

LW

“ *Sorry for your loss, always enjoyed hearing one of his life experience stories that would make me laugh.*

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**lawrence wine** - November 03, 2025 at 06:56 PM

DP

“ How to start wow.... when Dad&Mom got married i thought my world was ending they were gonna be gone forever!!! As 4yr old kid thinks.only to know now that his dedication and love to mom and her 5 children he took on like we were his very own blood...never once did he waiver from this dedication,guidance and love...it was this (tuff love) anybody who knew dad knows what im saying about tuff love from Charles Bly that helped shape each one of us especially myself..i learned that how you represent yourself and treat others is what makes you a man..I learned that using common sense rules out everything else..except for him 1000 ways to do something but dads way was the only way....from him my gift i got was the ability to teach and train people..i coached baseball for 25yrs and have been able to train and promote over 60 ppl in my 40yrs of retail..using my dads words and wisdom to guide me...o and i learned you gotta have patience to...he didnt have much so i learned that patience would help out. dad wasnt a church going person but the way he lived his life and treated others was the 10 commandments....alot of folks called dad for help in various ways from fixing equipment to vehicles to farming and just about everything else...i dont think he ever said no to anybody..may have (bitched that was him)whil e doing it but never turned any one down...never charged them or if he did wasnt much...deep down he loved helping people...in closing this tribute.not alot ppl saw this side of dad upfront loved us kids cared for us and as our families grew so did is love for us all...but the one love that started this all was his love for mom..in that love they had i saw how a man was suppose to act in marriage which i have fallin way short of..so for that dad im sorry...but your dedication guidance and love was greatly appreciated by us all..thank you dad for this love.



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David Peters - November 03, 2025 at 06:43 PM