



Edward Marinus "Ned" Conklin III

December 5, 2025

The staff at Heishman Funeral Home, inc. send condolences to the family of Edward Marinus "Ned" Conklin III.

Edward Marinus "Ned" Conklin III, age 81, a resident of The Maynard in Strasburg, VA, went home to be with the Lord on December 5, 2025, after a valiant, decades-long battle with Parkinson's Disease.

Ned served as Shenandoah County's Extension Agent for 28 years, where he formed valued relationships with area farmers and members of the community. His influence, contributions, and dedication were evident and deeply respected across the agricultural community he so dearly loved. Ned's walk with Christ shaped every part of his life. A devoted follower of Jesus, he was deeply committed to serving the church, faithfully ministering as a lay preacher and giving generously of his time, gifts, and encouragement among his local church community.

Ned's favorite pastimes included woodcarving, horseback riding, and enjoying nature - although carving was so much more than a hobby. He was a true artist with an amazing gift that he enjoyed sharing with others. His deep appreciation for God's creation shone through in the ducks and birds he so meticulously carved. Many he donated to support Disaster Relief efforts over the years. Others remain with his loved ones to remind us of the gift that he

was to us all—and the gift he shared with us through his art. Ned also loved exploring the Valley's rich history, riding mountain trails with friends, and participating in numerous John Kline Memorial Rides with the Brethren Church. Among those who held a special place in his heart was his dear friend, Fred Garber, with whom he shared many treasured rides, conversations, and memories. Ned found great joy in the outdoors, whether tending to his beautifully manicured yard, bird-watching, or walking hand-in-hand with his wife, who he so adored, chatting warmly with cherished neighbors.

Ned is survived by his beloved wife of sixty years, LoraLee, also a resident of The Maynard in Strasburg, VA; his four daughters: Crystal Biller (wife of Jay Biller of Charleston, SC), Kim Brian (wife of Neal Brian of Woodstock, VA), Linda Hodges (wife of Tom Hodges of Maurertown, VA), and Laura Conklin of Charlottesville, VA; ten grandchildren; and ten great-grandchildren. Ned was a true family man—respected, adored, and lovingly teased for his hearty appetite, especially for a good home-cooked meal or sweet treats.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Edward and Audria Conklin, and is survived by his brother, Sky Conklin of Lexington, VA, and two sisters, Betsy Beade of Wilmington, NC, and Alicia Wood of Lancaster, PA.

The family wishes to extend our heartfelt appreciation to the dedicated and loving staff at The Maynard and Blue Ridge Hospice, as well as to the many friends, church family, and members of the community who called, visited, and surrounded Ned with love. Your friendship, kindness, and support brought him great comfort and joy. He was deeply grateful for each of you—and so are we.

His gentle spirit, generous heart, and unwavering dedication to family will forever be cherished. Though we grieve his loss, we are grateful for the years we were blessed to share with him. Ned lived a life filled with love,

compassion, and quiet courage, leaving behind a legacy that will never be forgotten.

A memorial service for Ned will be held at Antioch Church in Woodstock, on Wednesday, December 10th at 11 am. Family visitation will be at 10 a.m. Private burial will be at Wakemans Grove Church in Edinburg, VA. A meal will follow. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that memorial contributions be made to Shenandoah District Church of the Brethren, Disaster Ministries, P.O. Box 67, Weyers Cave, VA 24486.

Online condolences may be left at www.valleyfs.com

Arrangements are in the care of Heishman Funeral Home, Inc., Heishman Funeral Service branch, Woodstock.

Cemetery Details

Wakemans Grove Church of the Brethren Cemetery

668 Wakemans Grove Road
Edinburg, VA 22824

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 10. 10:00 AM (ET)

Antioch Church
23502 Senedo Road
Woodstock, VA 22664

Funeral Service

DEC 10. 11:00 AM (ET)

Antioch Church
23502 Senedo Road
Woodstock, VA 22664

Tribute Wall

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“ Ned was always friendly, caring and kind. He and Lora are longtime family friends. He was a special person and will be missed here. It is comforting to know that his life in glory, without sickness or struggle, has just begun.

Terry Minnick - December 10, 2025 at 08:28 PM

KS

“ Met Ned at Wakemans Grove Church of the Brethren in 2017 after the first Disaster Auction that I attended. Knew nothing of his illness but was truly amazed at the artistry of his woodcarving. Such a humble, wise, and humorous man. His love for his "true love," LoraLee, was constantly demonstrated and heartfelt. I will cherish his smile, his laughter, and engaging conversations. Rest in His arms dear Ned.

Kathy Stewart - December 10, 2025 at 12:49 AM

KG

“ Kevin, Donna and Gammy purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Edward Marinus "Ned" Conklin III.



Kevin, Donna and Gammy - December 08, 2025 at 07:00 PM

EF

“ I worked with Ned and my Aunt Sallie when I was going to college. He was a very easy person to understand and to work with. His gentle spirit was one to be admired. He loved his Lord, his family, and his work in the community as the County Extension Agent. He was a true blessing to all who knew him. Prayers for his wife and family. Ned is no longer suffering with the dreaded Parkinson Disease he is walking the streets of God worshiping the Savior in a new and whole body today. Blessings, The Franklins

Ellen Franklin - December 08, 2025 at 01:07 PM

PF

“ The hardest working County Agent I ever knew during my 40 year career. Ned worked days and evenings for the benefit of Shenandoah County residents, never complaining. He was always knowledgeable, prepared, level headed, and smooth in his delivery. A humble man who was heads and tails above his peers. Well done Ned, your peaceful time of rest was well earned.

P. M. Fravel - December 07, 2025 at 09:09 PM