



Edward Franklin Wilkins

February 11, 1950 - November 5, 2021

The staff of Heishman Funeral Home sends condolences to the family of Edward Franklin Wilkins.

Edward Franklin Wilkins of New Market, VA realized the hope of resurrection Friday, November 5, 2021 at Cabell Huntington Hospital, Huntington, West Virginia.

He was born February 11, 1950, in Alexandria, VA. Ed was the son of Gilbert Franklin Wilkins and Zelma Lee Trivett Wilkins. Both preceded him in death.

On December 10, 1977, he married Frances Darlene Affleck, who survives him. Together they raised four beloved children; R. Michael Thweatt, Jr. (Joyce), Janene Thweatt Whitmore, Paul Jared Wilkins (Morgan Bentley), and Erin Wilkins Fletcher (Henry). The family grew welcoming grandchildren, grandchildren at heart and great-grandchildren. Grandchildren include Kellen Lee Breeden (Samantha), Glenna Leigh DeHart, Amelia Ryan Wilkins, Alexander Payne (Jescah Thompson) and Allison Vicente Rodriguez. Great granddaughters, Thea Rue and Riley Ann Payne were born October 19.

Ed is survived by two sisters, Phyllis Hughitt of Palm City, Florida, and Barbara Wilkins Bonner of Reston, VA. He was predeceased by one sister, the Reverend Mary Wilkins. Ed is also survived by numerous nieces, nephews

and great nieces and nephews.

Ed was a graduate of George Mason University and Wesley Theological Seminary. During his ministry as a United Methodist Pastor Ed served several churches in the Virginia Annual Conference: Macedonia/Montague Ave., Bon Air (Associate), Shiloh (Montpelier), Nelson United Methodist, Mt. Jackson/Quicksburg, Mt. Horeb, White Chapel/Oak Level, Mt. Olive/Shiloh, and Donovan Memorial/Cherry Grove. In retirement Ed filled pulpits in a several churches in Shenandoah County.

Ed's calling to serve God invited him to the ministry of peacemaking. He was the founder of Apple Valley Mediation Network and served as its Executive Director for 20 years. Ed remained active as a Certified Mediator since his retirement from that position.

Visitation will be Tuesday, November 9 from 6:00-8:00 PM at Heishman Funeral Home, 14116 South Middle Road, Edinburg, VA 22824.

A Service of Death and Resurrection will be held Wednesday, November 10 at 1:00 PM at Macedonia United Methodist Church, 1941 Macedonia Church Rd., White Post, VA 22663. The Rev. Stephen Creech and the Rev. Dr. Victor Gomez will officiate. Burial will be in the Macedonia Cemetery. Clergy are invited to robe and wear white stoles.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to: Resolutions, Inc. 505 N. Main Street, Woodstock, VA 22664. We ask that you be considerate of your neighbor and wear a face covering if you are not fully vaccinated.

Online condolences may be left at www.valleyfs.com

Arrangements are in the care of Heishman Funeral Home, Inc., Valley Funeral

Service Branch, Edinburg.

Previous Events

Service of Death and Resurrection

NOV **10**. 1:00 PM (ET)

Macedonia United Methodist Church,
1941 Macedonia Church Rd.
White Post, VA 22663

Burial

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Tribute Wall



“ *Edward Franklin Wilkins*

January 30, 2023 at 03:03 AM



“ *Edward Franklin Wilkins*

January 30, 2023 at 12:44 AM



“ *Ed was such a fine man and tireless contributor to the wellbeing of the community. Sympathy to Darlene and children.*
Sandy Hart

Sandy Hart - November 11, 2021 at 02:07 PM



“ *When I was a new pastor on the Winchester District, Ed reached out to me and befriended me. I admired his pastoral ministry as well as his later work in mediation. He was a healer and peacemaker. Although we haven't kept up in recent years, I'm still grateful for his friendship and collegiality. Condolences to Darlene and all who loved him.*

John D. Copenhaver - November 08, 2021 at 11:21 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Edward Franklin Wilkins.*



November 07, 2021 at 06:48 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Edward Franklin Wilkins.*



November 07, 2021 at 05:19 PM



“ *What a faithful Christian who served the Lord with all of his gifts and graces, and loved those he pastored. Singers Glen Charge was blessed by his leadership, and everyone mourns his passing. God’s love and grace to Darlene and Family.*

Reverend Debra Colbert Cline - November 07, 2021 at 04:50 PM