



Elmer "Curtis" Delawder

November 7, 1945 - January 14, 2025

The staff of Heishman Funeral Home/Valley Funeral Service sends condolences to the family of Elmer "Curtis" Delawder.

Elmer "Curtis" Delawder, 79, of Basye, passed away January 14, 2025, with his family surrounding him. A funeral service will be held Saturday, January 18, 2025, at 11:00am at Valley Funeral Service in Edinburg, VA. Pastor Rodney Lebron will officiate. Burial will be private. The family will receive friends Friday from 6-8 at the funeral home.

Curtis was born November 7, 1945, in Basye, VA, to the late Marie and Elmer Delawder.

On June 4, 1966, he married Elizabeth May Mumaw, who survives.

Curtis retired from the US Army after serving his country for 22 years and 22 days. He was a Vietnam Veteran, and a lifetime member of The VFW Post 2447. While serving in the Army, he found a passion for accounting and tax services. Later, he opened his business, Delawder's Tax and Bookkeeping Service, in Basye, and became an Enrolled Agent with the IRS. After his retirement from the Army, he was employed as a sheriff's deputy for the Shenandoah County Sheriff's Office. After years with the sheriff's department he decided it was time to retire again. He kept his tax business open until the end, serving many clients, businesses, and organizations throughout the State

of Virginia.

He wanted to let you all know that “He is FINALLY RETIRED.”

Along with his wife, he is survived by two sons, Brock Delawder, of Basye, and Shane (Calissa) Delawder, of Jerome: his grandchildren Courtney Stillwell, Dakota Delawder, and Dinah Delawder: his great grandchildren Jeffrey Bright Jr., Kaylee Bright, Zora Delawder, and Ivan Bright: two bonus grandchildren, Caitlin Martin and Axel Martin. One sister, Linda (Darryl) Gutshall; three brothers James (Pam) Delawder, Terry “Roy” (Joni Saylor) Delawder, and Perry “Troy” Delawder; sister-in-law, Cheryl Delawder; along with many nieces and nephews.

In addition to his parents, he was predeceased by a brother, Teddy Delawder.

In lieu of flowers, please send memorial contributions to Columbia Furnace Community Club, 3938 Wolf Gap Rd, Edinburg, VA 22824 or Orkney Fire and Rescue, 922 Orkney Grade, Basye, VA 22810.

Online condolences may be made at www.valleyfs.com

Arrangements by Heishman Funeral Home Inc., Valley Funeral Service Branch, Edinburg.

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 17. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Valley Funeral Service
14116 South Middle Road
Edinburg, VA 22824
(540) 984-3700
secretary.valleyfs@yahoo.com
<https://www.valleyfs.com>

Funeral Service

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Tribute Wall

DH

“ *Curtis was my classmate. He was a great person. Curtis will be missed by many. May he rest in peace. His pain has ended.*

Diane Holsinger - January 19, 2025 at 12:43 PM

SC

“ *Sincerely, Mingo, Shelley & Children! purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Elmer "Curtis" Delawder.*



Sincerely, Mingo, Shelley & Children! - January 17, 2025 at 10:25 AM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Elmer "Curtis" Delawder.*

January 16, 2025 at 04:58 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Elmer "Curtis" Delawder.*



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AP

“ So sorry to hear of Mr. Delawder's passing. He was the only reason to look forward to tax time & he always made it so simple & easy, he will be missed but at least he is finally retired.

With our deepest sympathy,
April & Phil Baker
(Stoney Creek Hair Studio,inc.)



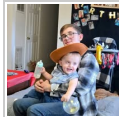
Aprill - January 15, 2025 at 08:00 PM

SH

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Stephen Heishman - January 15, 2025 at 01:21 PM



He was a good man. He did our taxes for years. He was always laughing. Very kind soul. I'm so sorry for your families loss. Prayers

Margie Bowers - January 15, 2025 at 02:06 PM

JS

My daughter was graduating, we had a sleepover pool party, Curt called to say we were celebrating too loud! Kelly was worried until he laughed!

Joni Saylor - January 15, 2025 at 06:19 PM

MG

Curtis's family is in our thoughts and prayers. He was always happy and a joy to be around. God Bless.

Maggie Good - January 15, 2025 at 09:43 PM

SS

I have known Curtis for many years. Also made you laugh. Will miss him so much. RIP. Curtis

Sandra Swartz - January 16, 2025 at 01:59 PM

RB

Our prayers for comfort during this sadness and loss. One can find comfort in knowing that the bonds of this earthly existence have been exchanged for those with our Savior. God bless.

Roger & Stephane Baker - January 16, 2025 at 02:38 PM