



George Willis Mills

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The staff at Heishman Funeral Home, Inc. send condolences to the family of George Willis Mills.

Celebrating the Life of George Willis Mills

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It is with heavy hearts and fond memories that we announce the passing of George Willis Mills, age 82, of Basye, Virginia. George passed away on April 21, 2026, leaving behind a legacy defined by service, quality of character, and a legendary sense of humor.

Born in Fauquier County to late Charles Albert Mills Sr. and Rachel Lee (Moore) Mills. George served his country in the USAR 80th Division from 1965 to 1971, studied accounting at Strayer Business College, then went on to a highly successful career with the Washington Metro in D.C., retiring as the Assistant Director of Management Information Services.

In retirement, George became a fixture of the Bryce Resort community. He was a man who never met a project he couldn't handle or a plant he couldn't grow. Whether skiing, golfing with the Senior's Team, or sharing a laugh with the "Old Guy's Lunch Bunch," George brought vibrant energy to everything he did.

His passions were a gift to his family:

- The Genealogist: He spent countless hours tracing his family lineage throughout Virginia and back to Europe.

- The Craftsman: He meticulously built custom birdhouses that have adorned his golf course at Bryce and the homes of many loved ones.
- The Life of the Party: Friends will forever remember George dancing to the perfect beat and singing—enthusiastically off-key—to the comforting scent of his cherry tobacco pipe.
- The Animal Lover: Throughout his life, George was rarely without a canine companion. He shared his home and his heart with many beloved dogs over the years.

George was preceded in death by his wife, Shirley (Doty) Mills; his brother, Charles Albert Mills Jr.; and his sister and brother-in-law, Carol Lee Mills and Thomas Lee Varner.

He is survived by his devoted companion, Carlotta Ann Lilly; her son and daughter-in-law, Chris and Dee Dee Lilly; and his many cherished nieces and nephews.

Services and Memorials

Funeral arrangements are being managed by Heishman Funeral Home in Woodstock, VA. Service details are currently being determined.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that contributions be made to the Bryce Ladies Golf Tournament, supporting local Shenandoah charities: P.O. Box 414, Bryce, VA 22810

George lived with deep curiosity and an appreciation for life's simple joys. He will be missed, but his laughter, love and presence will live on in all who knew him.

Tribute Wall



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of George Willis Mills.



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“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of George Willis Mills.

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“ My thoughts and prayers are with George's family. I have many fond memories of our high school years at WHS. He was always a friend when you needed one. Rest in peace dear George!

Mary Payne Marshall - April 27 at 09:51 AM