



George Milton Shipe Jr.

March 19, 1960 - March 13, 2025

The staff at Heishman Funeral Home, Inc. send condolences to the family of George Milton Shipe Jr.

George Milton Shipe Jr., 64, of Edinburg, passed away peacefully on Thursday, March 13, 2025.

A graveside service will be held Saturday, March 22, 2025, at 11:00 AM at Hoffman Cemetery, located on Foggy Bottom Farm, 560 Aileen Rd., Edinburg, VA 22824. Pastor John Fogle will officiate.

George was born March 19, 1960, in Washington D.C., the son of the late George Milton Shipe Sr. and Nancy Gretchen Thom Shipe. George attended Auburn University, where he studied entomology with a focus on melittology. While at Auburn, he met Jill Blackstock, and together they built a life, eventually settling on the family farm in Edinburg, where they raised their four beautiful children.

George was a big dreamer, a hard worker, and the life of the party. He was fiercely loyal to his friends and family, always putting in the work for the ones he loved. He had a deep love for the land, spending countless hours tending to the farm and cherishing time around the kitchen table with loved ones. As a skilled general contractor, he dedicated much of his life to restoring historic homes throughout the Shenandoah Valley. He took great pride in his

craftsmanship and the legacy he built through his work. He was also a proud member of the Edinburg VFW and the Masonic Lodge in Edinburg.

Above all, George was a devoted father, grandfather, brother, and friend. His warmth, humor, and unwavering spirit will be deeply missed by all who knew and loved him.

He was preceded in death by his sisters, Debra Silverman and Winnie Chastain, and his former spouse, Jill Marie Blackstock.

George is survived by his children, Jessie Marie Warner, George Milton Shipe III, Josephine Drummonds and her husband, Wesley Scott Drummonds, and Angus Blackstock Shipe.

He is also survived by his sisters, Rebecca Shipe and Nora Shipe, and his beloved grandchildren, Hope, Jeremiah, Patience, and Jonas Warner.

In lieu of flowers, donations to assist with funeral expenses and family needs may be sent to 560 Aileen Rd., Edinburg, VA 22824.

Online condolences may be left at www.valleyfs.com.

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

Cemetery Details

Hoffman Cemetery

560 Aileen Rd.
Edinburg, VA 22824

Previous Events

Graveside Service

MAR 22. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

JL

“ David and I were extremely fond of George. His love of life and family was infectious. He always had a positivity about him and took time to express an interest in others.

We were shocked to hear of his passing. My memory will always be that of his big open grin and hug upon seeing one another, no matter how much time had passed since the last.

Jeffers Leah - April 11, 2025 at 09:11 PM

JC

“ I was shocked and saddened to learn of the passing of George Shipe, Jr. May he rest in peace.

John Clem - March 18, 2025 at 10:45 AM