



## Gerald Walter "Butch" Emerick

August 31, 1944 - May 31, 2024

The staff at Heishman Funeral Home Inc. sends condolences to the family of Gerald Walter "Butch" Emerick.

Gerald Walter "Butch" Emerick, 79, of New Market, passed away Friday, May 31, 2024, at his home. The funeral service will be held Thursday, June 6 at 11:00 a.m. at Manor Memorial United Methodist Church in New Market. Pastor Steven Creech will officiate. Burial with military honors by the United States Marines will follow in Emmanuel Lutheran Church Cemetery in New Market. The family will receive friends Wednesday from 6-8 p.m. at the church.

Mr. Emerick was born August 31, 1944, in New Market, son of the late Forrest Seekford and Esta Lee Golladay. He was a US Marine Corps veteran. He was stationed with the 2nd division at Camp Lejeune, serving during the Cuban Missile Crises and receiving the good conduct metal. He formerly worked for Moore Brothers for 4 years building bridges on Interstate 81 and retired from Kennametal in 2004 after 28 and half years. He was a member of Manor Memorial and the Methodist Men, the Valley Marines, New Market Eagles, and volunteered at the Food Pantry. He was preceded in death by his wife, Georgia McNair Emerick; stepfather, John Walter Emerick; stepmother, Yvonne Seekford; brothers and sisters, John Frank Emerick, Debrah Emerick, John "Weasel" Emerick Jr., Peggy Lohr, and Donna Shafer.

Butch is survived by his son, Sean Miller and wife Carla of New Market; sisters and brothers, Patricia Sager and Charles of Quicksburg, Arlene

Ramsey of Danville, Jackie Emerick of Broadway, William "Bill" Emerick of Shenandoah, and Roger Emerick of Mt. Jackson; three grandchildren, Erica Schell and fiancé Cody, Hayden Miller and wife Amanda, and Aundrea Taylor and husband Jordan; three great grandchildren, Lily McCourt, Sean Mattock Miller, and Wrenley Taylor; and half-sisters, Phyllis Shifflett of New Market, Peggy Doty of Coventry, CT, and Janelle Seekford of Woodstock.

Pallbearers will be David Hughes, Stacy McNair, Jeff Manning, Matt Estep, Rocky Sager and Brian Hepler. Honorary pallbearers will be Tom Frye and Bob Estep.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to Manor Memorial Methodist Men's Group, 9320 N. Congress Street, New Market, VA 22844.

The family would like to thank his church family, retired Kennametal Group, all veterans, Valley Marines and the staff at Southern Kitchen for their friendship and support. We know he is giving out hugs and kisses to all the ladies in Heaven, especially the love of his life Georgia.

Online condolences may be left at [www.valleyfs.com](http://www.valleyfs.com)

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

# Cemetery Details

## Emmanuel Lutheran Church Cemetery

155 East Lee Street  
New Market, VA 22844

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUN 5. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Manor Memorial United Methodist Church  
9320 N. Congress Street  
New Market , VA 22844

## Funeral Service

JUN 6. 11:00 AM (ET)

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9320 N. Congress Street  
New Market , VA 22844

# Tribute Wall

BR

“ My family and friends always enjoyed seeing Butch at Southern Kitchen. We were there recently and remarked that it wasn't the same without seeing him and having a conversation with him. Rest easy, Marine!

Barbara Rhinehart - June 14, 2024 at 11:19 AM

CW

“ We are so sorry to learn of your loss of a great man. I (Dorothy) grew up in the same community with Butch and Penny, and always enjoyed seeing him. He always told everyone we were kissing cousins. (really were cousins. He will be greatly missed by a lot of people as he had a heart of gold. Always so great to see and talk with him. Our sincere sympathy to your entire family and may God grant you peace and comfort in the weeks and months ahead. Charles & Dorothy White



Charles & Dorothy White - June 05, 2024 at 06:13 PM

GB

“ Butch will be missed, sorry for your loss. Greg&Linda Bair

Greg&Linda Bair - June 05, 2024 at 08:56 AM

JC

“ Condolences to Butch's family. I knew Butch for many years and we always ended up talking about our Marine Corps experiences. He was an honorable man with a good heart. He will be missed by many people. God give you strength at this time. Semper Fi, My Brother. Jay Campbell

Jay Campbell - June 05, 2024 at 08:48 AM

MB

“ Matt and Marianne Branigan planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Gerald Walter "Butch" Emerick.

Matt and Marianne Branigan - June 04, 2024 at 06:15 PM

MB

“ Matt and Marianne Branigan purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Gerald Walter "Butch" Emerick.



Matt and Marianne Branigan - June 04, 2024 at 06:15 PM

SF

“ Butch was a wonderful Man. He made a tremendous contribution to his country and his community every day he existed. God speed brother Butch



Scott French - June 04, 2024 at 03:33 PM

TB

“ Always enjoyed your conversations in the mornings at Southern Kitchen. Rest Easy Butch



Tony Baugher - June 04, 2024 at 08:49 AM

BH

“ *Bob, David, Jason & Matt Hughes purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Gerald Walter "Butch" Emerick.*



**Bob, David, Jason & Matt Hughes** - June 03, 2024 at 03:06 PM

CM

“ *3 files added to the album photos*



**Carla Miller** - June 03, 2024 at 01:06 PM

BE

*Butch is a great guy, good friend and a great guy to work with. Bob Estep*

**Bob Estep** - June 04, 2024 at 06:05 PM

KR

“ *A lot of hugs and kisses will be missed. A wonderful man who did so much for so many people. Sympathy to all he left behind and may we all follow his example.*

**Kathryn G. Runion** - June 03, 2024 at 01:01 PM

CR

*Our sincere sympathy to Butch's family. He was truly a fine friend whom we were pleased to have known.  
Otie & Crena Ryman*

**Crena Ryman** - June 03, 2024 at 10:38 PM



“ *Enduring Grace was purchased for the family of Gerald Walter "Butch" Emerick.*



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June 03, 2024 at 11:10 AM