



James Allen Hepner Sr.

March 9, 1931 - November 22, 2022

The staff at Heishman Funeral Home Inc. sends condolences to the family of James Allen Hepner Sr.

James Allen Hepner, Sr., child of God and sealed with the Cross of Christ forever, went to be with God, other family members and friends on November 22, 2022. James was born March 9, 1931, to Bryan Allen Hepner and Eula Mae Walden Hepner of Maurertown VA. Preceding him to be with God along with his parents were his wife Vada Maxine Morris Hepner, brother Samuel Lee Hepner, grandson Thomas Randolph Wilson and granddaughter Allison Marie Lawhorne.

He is survived by his children James Allen Hepner, Jr. (Kathy) Maurertown, Gloria Denise Nelson (Jim) Nellysford, Mary Sue Lawhorne (Jeff) Maurertown, Julie Elizabeth Hepner Charleston SC, and Bryan John Hepner (Erica) Fort Valley. Also 11 grandchildren and 11 great grandchildren, nieces and nephews, sister-in-law Sylvia Sibert, Mt Jackson, and cousin Christiana Sager Crabill, Woodstock. He loved his two special caregivers Brandie Doolan and Rita Sollenberger and visits from the Blue Ridge Hospice workers.

During his 91 years James worked as a farmer, truck driver, salesman, orchard worker and with the US Forest Service on the Lee and Deerfield Ranger Districts, a job he truly loved. He also worked with the Lord Fairfax Soil and Water Conservation District, Town of Woodstock, County of Shenandoah, and Shenandoah County Department of Social Services. He

was a member of St Luke-Fairview Ruritan Club and a Mason. James was a pilot and loved to fly.

James loved God, his family, church, and the many folks he encountered throughout his life. James was respected for his fairness and how he treated people in the workplace and for the knowledge he shared about farming and the outdoors.

James was a graduate of Woodstock High School, attended Massanutten Academy, and studied at Virginia Tech for two years before coming home to help on the family farm and start a family.

Family visitation will be on Saturday, December 3rd, from 10:00-11:00 at Emanuel Lutheran Church, 127 E High St, Woodstock, followed by a Celebration of Life service at 11:00 and interment at Sunset View Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, expressions of sympathy may be made to: Blue Ridge Hospice, 333 W. Cork St, Suite 405, Winchester VA 22601; Mt Zion Lutheran Church c/o Susan Fleming 3194 Alonzaville Rd, Maurertown VA 22644; Emanuel Lutheran Church scholarship fund, 127 E. High St, Woodstock VA 22664

Online condolences may be left at www.valleyfs.com

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

Cemetery Details

Sunset View Memorial Gardens

2677 Fravel Rd
Woodstock, VA 22664

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 3. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Emanuel Lutheran Church
127 E. High Street
Woodstock, VA

Celebration of Life

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Tribute Wall

AE

“ I had the pleasure and privilege of knowing Jim Hepner. We cut firewood together. He was the best I have ever seen at cutting a tree and having it fall just where he wanted it to. He was a gentle loving man and he was tough. The last time I spoke with him I told him that he was the finest man I had ever known. He was.

Allen Estep - July 31, 2023 at 11:57 AM



“ James Allen Hepner Sr.

January 30, 2023 at 03:03 AM



“ James Allen Hepner Sr.

January 30, 2023 at 12:44 AM

ML

“ I was saddened to hear of Jim's passing and I'm sorry for your loss. I really enjoyed working with Jim for many years and found him so knowledgeable about so many things.

Mike Liskey - December 03, 2022 at 12:04 AM

BS

“ So sorry for your loss.

Becky and Ralph sine - November 29, 2022 at 10:01 AM

AO

“ *Our deepest sympathy on this loss of a true gentleman and extraordinary person.* ”

Alma Hepner O'Connor - November 27, 2022 at 10:43 AM

DV

“ *So sorry for your loss your in our prayers and thoughts* ”



Denny and Sheri (Burner) Vann - November 25, 2022 at 03:53 PM