



## Joe Bowman Wightman

December 7, 1931 - March 23, 2019

Joe Bowman Wightman, 87, of Edinburg, passed away on Saturday, March 23, 2019 at Skyline Terrace. Joe was born December 7, 1931, at Bowmans Crossing, Virginia and was the son of the late Charles Dunfee Wightman and Resa Bowman Wightman. Joe served in the United States Navy from 1951 to 1954, attended Virginia Tech from 1954 to 1958 graduating with a degree in Animal Science. He worked as an Extension Agent in Frederick County from 1958 to 1963. Joe moved back to Shenandoah County and worked as the federal farm service agent until retiring in 1986. Joe farmed and raised beef cattle until the age of 82. Joe was a founding member of the Northern Virginia Feeder Cattle Association serving in many capacities, including the office of President. He served on the board of directors of Farmers Livestock Exchange and the Shenandoah County Fair. He was a member of the Mount Jackson Moose Lodge 979, serving many terms as Governor, Edinburg VFW Post 2447 Auxiliary as President, and was a life member of Woodstock American Legion Post 199. Joe loved the game of Baseball, he coached little league teams in Edinburg and served as treasurer of the league for many years. He last actively played the position of catcher at the age of 78 in the Edinburg Old Time Festival's Old Timer's Game. Joe would tell anyone who asked that Pete Rose should not be in the Hall of Fame. In addition, he was a very competitive pool player. He enjoyed spending time at his cabin at Bowman Fields in Fort Valley. When he could find the time, he liked to turkey hunt and fly fish. Joe was preceded in death by a brother, Jack Wightman and

a nephew, Rex Wightman. He is survived by his wife, Yvonne Wisman Wightman, whom he married on March 13, 1959; a son, Dr. Byron Wightman, and wife, Karen; a daughter, Julia Wightman; grandchildren, Gus, and Olivia Wightman. The family will receive friends on Thursday, March 28, 2019, from 7 to 9 PM at Valley Funeral Service, Edinburg. A graveside service will be held on Friday, March 29, 2019, 11:00 AM at Cedarwood Cemetery with Rev. Steve Wood Officiating. In lieu of flowers, a donation may be made to the Shenandoah County Animal Shelter.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR **28**. 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

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

# Tribute Wall



“ *Joe Bowman Wightman*

January 30, 2023 at 03:03 AM



“ *Joe Bowman Wightman*

January 30, 2023 at 12:44 AM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Joe Bowman Wightman.*



March 28, 2019 at 12:49 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Joe Bowman Wightman.*



March 27, 2019 at 05:59 PM

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**Julia Wightman** - March 27, 2019 at 09:47 AM

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*Best picture ever. Love, Bea Smoot*

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**Elizabeth Smoot** - April 01, 2019 at 03:58 PM

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**Julia Wightman** - March 27, 2019 at 09:45 AM

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**Julia Wightman** - March 27, 2019 at 09:04 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Joe Bowman Wightman.*



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March 26, 2019 at 08:19 PM



“ *May the Wightman family be blessed with strong and wonderful memories of Joe.*

*Bless you all, Danny Lambert*

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**Danny Lambert** - March 26, 2019 at 05:09 PM



“ *Sacred Duty Spray was purchased for the family of Joe Bowman Wightman.*



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March 26, 2019 at 11:46 AM



“ *We remember how much Joe loved baseball and his playing in the old timers game and throwing out the first pitch. He was fun at the VFW. Condolences to the entire family. Susan and Larry*

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**Susan Beazley** - March 26, 2019 at 11:05 AM

SB

“ Remember Joe’s love of baseball and his playing in the old time festival and throwing out the first pitch.He will be missed at the VFW.

*Our condolences to the entire family. Susan and Larry Beazley*

Susan Beazley - March 26, 2019 at 10:55 AM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Joe Bowman Wightman.



March 26, 2019 at 10:43 AM

Sharon Ritter

“ Yvonne, sorry to hear about Joe’s passing. Think of you often especially when I look at my purple quilt or think about the days at SMH. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.  
*Sharon & Preston Ritter*

Sharon Ritter - March 26, 2019 at 08:54 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Joe Bowman Wightman.



March 25, 2019 at 07:08 PM