



John Richard Delinski and Donna Lee Delinski

May 4, 1942 - October 19, 2024

The staff at Heishman Funeral Home Inc. sends condolences to the family of John Richard Delinski and Donna Lee Delinski.

John Richard Delinski, 82, of Rio, West Virginia, passed away Oct. 19, 2024, at J.W. Ruby Memorial Hospital, and wife, Donna Lee Delinski, 84, of Rio, West Virginia, passed away Oct. 18, 2024, at Winchester Medical Center.

Donna was born August 31, 1940, in Charles County, MD and spent most of her younger years in Fort Valley, VA. For the last 24 years, she was married to John & resided in Rio, WV. Donna had an extraordinary gift for music—her beautiful piano playing and powerful voice filled hearts with joy. Her love for animals, especially cats, was well known, and her nurturing spirit touched everyone who crossed her path. She and her beloved John were inseparable and it's clear that his world would never have been complete without her. As a true partner in life, her love for John was unmatched, a bond that will forever be cherished.

Donna was predeceased by her parents Donald and Pearl Ritenour, late husband James Powell, and daughter Jane Powell Sterrett. She is survived by her daughter Sherry Powell Lanzino (Marty) and grandson Nathan Lanzino.

John, lovingly known as “Dicky” or “Pappy”, was born May 4, 1942, in

Washington D.C. He was a lover of nature and spent a lot of his time hunting, camping, and enjoying the great outdoors. He had a special bond with his dog Beau, and a deep love for his pipe, his Pepsi, and his guitar. Above all, John cherished his wife, Donna. Their love was the foundation of their lives, and it's impossible to imagine one without the other. His wisdom will forever be remembered by those who had the privilege of knowing him.

John was predeceased by his parents John F & Margaret Delinski, his sister Doris Delinski, and his nephew John Swann. He is survived by his daughter Dianna Brown, grandchildren Casey Bergey and Joshua Pittington (Colleen), great grandchildren (Colton, Liam, Cade, & Effie), nephew Robert "Butch" Swann (Judie), and his lifelong friend Fred Weekley.

John and Donna's bond was beautiful, their hearts were full, and their legacy will live on in the countless memories they gave us. They will be deeply missed by their family, friends, and all who knew them. As we mourn their passing, we find comfort in knowing that they are together, free from suffering, and surrounded by the peace they so richly deserve.

A funeral service will be held on Friday November 1, 2024, at 11:00 am at Sperry's Run Community Church, 3056 Sperry's Run Road, Rio, WV 26755. A graveside service and burial will be held the same day at 3:00 pm at Dry Run Cemetery, 8398 Fort Valley Road, Fort Valley, VA 22652.

Pallbearers will be Joshua Pittington, Colton Pittington, Nathan Lanzino, Robert "Butch" Swann, Luke Swann, and Jacob Swann. Honorary Pallbearer will be Fred Weekley.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to Doe Eyes Animal Sanctuary & Rescue who so graciously helped with Donna's beloved cats, 2605 Hoy Road, Augusta, WV 26704 or to the Humane Society of Shenandoah County, P.O.

Box 173, Woodstock, VA 22664.

<https://doeyesrescue.org/donate>

<https://hsscva.org>

Online condolences may be left at valleyfs.com

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

Cemetery Details

Dry Run Cemetery

8398 Fort Valley Road
Fort Valley , VA 22652

Previous Events

Funeral Service

NOV 1. 11:00 AM (ET)

Sperry's Run Community Church
3056 Sperry's Run Road
Rio, WV 26755

Graveside Service

NOV 1. 3:00 PM (ET)

Dry Run Cemetery
Fort Valley, VA 22652

Tribute Wall

PF

“ I am so sorry to hear of your loss, sending prayers for comfort and peace at this difficult time.

Pam Foltz - October 30, 2024 at 12:18 PM

FP

“ Fred Weekley & Punk purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of John Richard Delinski and Donna Lee Delinski.



Fred Weekley & Punk - October 28, 2024 at 08:21 AM



“ Wonderful memories of the Delinski's. My husband and John were part of a group that would get together and play and sing bluegrass in Timberville, Stanley, Luray or wherever there was good pickin going on. God is good they moved to the next life within a day of each other.

Eva Fritzman - October 25, 2024 at 07:36 PM

KT

“ What beautiful memories and love they shared. Hold on tight to those and hold them in your heart. What a legacy of love. So sorry for your loss.

Kimberly Tutz - October 25, 2024 at 10:49 AM

CP

“ So sorry to hear of both passing. I've known them my entire life. God give you all strength through this difficult time.

charlie & Cindi Plauger - October 24, 2024 at 08:21 AM

BM

“ Freddy and I have been friends with Dickie and Donna for many years. Freddy and Dickie had a special friendship for 75 or more years. They met when they were litte kids, when their families were friends, and spent their whole life enjoying each other's company, hunting, camping and just hanging out together. Dickie was like a brother to Freddy. These two special people are surely going to be missed by us and many, many more.



Barbara Martin - October 24, 2024 at 07:38 AM

KF

“ Romans 12:19

Kevin F. - October 24, 2024 at 06:45 AM

MS

“ We are thinking of you all and sending prayers for finding comfort in the multitude of memories. Steve, Marsha, Bo and Larry Snyder.

Marsha Snyder - October 23, 2024 at 01:19 PM