



Joseph "Joey" Franklin Rhodes

November 13, 1958 - April 9, 2024

The staff at Heishman Funeral Home Inc. sends condolences to the family of Joseph "Joey" Franklin Rhodes.

Joseph "Joey" Franklin Rhodes, of Toms Brook, passed away Tuesday, April 9, 2024. The funeral service will be held Tuesday, April 16, at 2:00 p.m. at Zion Christian Church in Maurertown. Pastor George Bowers will officiate. Burial will follow in the church cemetery. The family will receive friends on Monday from 6-8 p.m. at the church.

Mr. Rhodes was born November 13, 1958, in Woodstock, son of Betty Cooley Rhodes of Maurertown and the late David Milton Rhodes Sr. He was a 1977 graduate of Central High School and Triplet Tech. He was the owner and operator of On the Rhodes, Inc., a sawmill, timber, and lumber business for over 20 years. He also held meat cutter positions with Crabill's Meats, Warehouse Food Market, and Safeway over the years. However, his true passion was working with wood. He loved making things in his woodwork shop such as benches, stools, bowls and chests to name a few. He was known to make a good fire from time to time. He enjoyed fishing and making hay, gardening, and had a special interest in roses. He always had time to stop and chat with whomever dropped by the sawmill and gave a friendly wave any time he passed you. He was a member of Zion Christian Church and former member of the Ruritans, and was involved in 4H and FFA in his

youth. He was very active with Scout Troop 88 during Matt and Kyle's youth and in the 4H Seven Bends Shooting Club during Sarah and Sam's.

Surviving, along with his mother are his wife, Anita Heltzel Rhodes; children, Matt J. Rhodes and wife Jaclyn of Woodstock, Kyle L. Rhodes and wife Sarah of Salem, Sarah E. McDonald and husband Levi of Maurertown, and Sam F. Rhodes and wife Carly of Toms Brook; sister, Beverly Sine and husband Nelson of Woodstock; brothers, David Rhodes Jr. and wife Judy of Maurertown and Jim Rhodes and wife Donna of Maurertown; grandchildren, Abby Rhodes, Hunter Rhodes, Eli McDonald, Myla Mowery, River Rhodes, Harper McDonald, Lincoln Rhodes, Caroline Rhodes, Beau McDonald, and Gemma Rhodes; father and mother-in-law, Curtis and Dalene Heltzel; brother-in-law, Steve Heltzel and wife Martha of Woodstock; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Joe was a one of a kind husband, father, and friend. He loved a good joke, his dogs Frankie and Rosie, Milwaukee tools and most importantly, his family. To know him was to love him, and he would give anyone the shirt off of his back. To say he will be missed is nothing short of an understatement.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to Zion Christian Church, P.O. Box 237, Maurertown, VA 22644 or Toms Brook Fire Department or plant a rose or tree in his memory.

Online condolences may be left at www.valleyfs.com

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

Cemetery Details

Zion Christian Church Cemetery

1772 Zion Church Rd
Maurertown, VA 22664

Previous Events

Visitation

APR **15**. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Zion Christian Church
1772 Zion Church Road
Maurertown, VA 22644

Funeral Service

APR **16**. 2:00 PM (ET)

Zion Christian Church
1772 Zion Church Road
Maurertown, VA 22644

Tribute Wall

TK

“ Dear Anita,

We just heard about your loss. We send our sincerest condolences to you and your whole family at this very sad time. It sounds like your husband was a wonderful person beloved by many. We will keep you all in our thoughts and prayers, and hope that happy memories eventually help to heal your loss.

*Sincerely,
Theresa Markiw and Richard Kortum*

Theresa Markiw & Richard Kortum - April 23, 2024 at 01:31 PM

JR

“ Anita and Family we want to express our sincere sympathy to all of you. Sending love and prayers. Janice & Ken Ryman

Janice & Ken Ryman - April 16, 2024 at 09:27 PM

MM

“ Morgan M. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Joseph "Joey" Franklin Rhodes.

Morgan M. - April 15, 2024 at 11:56 AM



“ I went to school with Joey. One of the best people I ever knew. Always sharing a smile and a laugh. He will be sorely missed!

Dianna Jett - April 15, 2024 at 11:47 AM

JB

“ James and Carly Bowden purchased the Days of Sunshine Bouquet for the family of Joseph "Joey" Franklin Rhodes.



James and Carly Bowden - April 14, 2024 at 09:20 PM

TM

“ Anita, we are so very sorry for your loss. Over the years, we have had numerous and various contact with each of you for personal and business reasons. We regard you each highly for your integrity and caring. Words cannot express what we would like to relay at this moment, but know that you and your family are very much in our thoughts and prayers. Dean & Terry Minnick

Teresa Minnick - April 14, 2024 at 08:08 PM

LS

“ Lyndsey S. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Joseph "Joey" Franklin Rhodes.

Lyndsey S. - April 14, 2024 at 02:56 PM

LK

“ Anita and Family,

I'm so very sorry to hear of the passing of your dear Joey. May the memories you created together carry you through the difficult days ahead. Keeping you in my thoughts and prayers.

Lisa Kiracofe



Lisa Kiracofe - April 14, 2024 at 12:05 AM

KF

“ Prayers for the peace and comfort that only God gives. Joey was a great guy, always with a joke or something to say. He was a great part of the CHS Class of '77!

Kevin & Anita Foltz - April 13, 2024 at 11:07 PM

TF

“ I have very fond memories of Joey showing animals at the Shenandoah County Fair during our youth. Sending prayers of peace and comfort to his family during this difficult.

Tessie Neff Lam and Family - April 13, 2024 at 10:27 PM

KL

“ Dear Anita & Family,
We are so sorry for your loss. May God's hand guide you through this difficult time. God bless Joey & all of you!
Love & Prayers,
Kenny Lineweaver & Nancy Crissy

Kenny Lineweaver - April 13, 2024 at 09:10 PM

MB

“ Marci Byram lit a candle in memory of Joseph "Joey" Rhodes



Marci Byram - April 13, 2024 at 08:41 PM

EG

“ Joe Rhodes was one of the greatest bosses I've ever had. He taught me so much the time I had the privilege to work with him. Always joking around made the days go by so fast. He will be greatly missed and see you on the other side . God bless your family

Emmert Gochenour - April 13, 2024 at 03:18 PM

JT

“ My wife and I moved to Maurertown in 2020. I met Joey, Sam, and the pups right away at the mill. Together Joey and I began building trust and a business relationship. It didn't take long before he and I became great friends. In reading the condolences and obituary a theme emerged. Joey was very active in his community and willing to serve others. Two examples of Joey's generosity in helping me. One day a large load of lumber arrived. I thought" Did I order that wood? I called Joey to ask about the delivery. You know what he said "Ah keep it if you have a need" Memories can bring us to the good times. A bit over 2 weeks ago Sam stopped by to pick up some logs. Now, I don't know this for sure. I believe Sam left and talked to his dad about how I was struggling with the brush and logs. Well, again Joey and Sam showed up with a skid steer and grapple bucket. They stepped in to start removing brush, felling trees, and taking the logs to be milled for my project. Now parents do you want to see how to leave a legacy? Just remember how Joseph "Joey" Franklin Rhodes did it.

Joe Toy - April 12, 2024 at 03:18 PM

DP

“ Sorry for your loss.....gone to soon, but forever in your heart. Love and prayers for Anita and entire family.....God Bless D. Poole



Dee Dee Poole - April 12, 2024 at 01:23 PM

DP

“ Dee Poole lit a candle in memory of Joseph "Joey" Rhodes



Dee Dee Poole - April 12, 2024 at 01:21 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Joseph "Joey" Franklin Rhodes.



April 12, 2024 at 01:09 PM

FM

“ Faye Strickler Integrity Home Mortgage planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Joseph "Joey" Franklin Rhodes.

Faye Strickler Integrity Home Mortgage - April 12, 2024 at 01:09 PM

KD

“ Dear Anita,
I'm so sorry for your loss. You & your family are in my prayers.

Karen Dellinger - April 12, 2024 at 12:55 PM

AP

“ With our deepest sympathy,
Philip & April Baker



April - April 12, 2024 at 09:23 AM

SH

“ Joe, I will miss you. You were a wonderful person, so loved by
many. Rest in peace and we will see you in his kingdom.
Steve Heltzel and family

Steve Heltzel - April 11, 2024 at 11:13 PM

ES

“ So sorry for your loss! I am praying for all of you!! God is good!!

Eddie Sherman - April 11, 2024 at 09:34 PM

SS

“ Good man Gone way to soon.. Anita and Family, May God hold his
hands around You during this difficult time. Heaven got a Good
Man.. RIP Joey..

Steve Sager - April 11, 2024 at 04:38 PM

MB

“ *Anita and Family, We are very sorry for your loss. Joey was kind and gentle to all who crossed his path. Words seem so inadequate for our heartfelt condolences. We like everyone will miss him. Keeping you close in heart and prayers, Love, Mary and Jerry*

Mary Ellen Bisley - April 11, 2024 at 03:56 PM