



Melvin Miles Racey

September 27, 1935 - August 22, 2020

The staff at Heishman Funeral Home Inc. sends condolences to the family of Melvin Miles Racey.

Melvin M. Racey (Sonny), 84, passed away August 22, 2020, at Blue Ridge Hospice in Winchester following a liver illness. Mr. Racey was born September 27, 1935 in Woodstock. He was the son of Melvin Racey and Helen Whetzel Racey who predeceased him. Also, predeceasing him were 4 sisters & other family as well as in-laws, 3 nieces and a nephew. A lifelong cabinetmaker taught by his father, Melvin's gift of woodworking graced and blessed many friends, family, and homes locally, across the U.S. and beyond as far away as England, Germany and Japan. Grandfather clocks, dressers, beds, corner cupboards, kitchen cabinets and end tables were some of his creations. His 3 grandsons as infants slept in a one-of-a-kind cradle. Walnut was his favorite wood. A 1954 graduate of Woodstock High School, Melvin worked while in high school to help support his family as his father was crippled with arthritis from a young age. When Melvin and Annabel built their home in 1979, he developed other gifts- architecture, heating, plumbing, wood flooring and painting. Other interests in Melvin's life included hunting deer, turkey, fishing, engine repair small and large some farm work and being with family. Melvin was raised attending Mt. Zion Lutheran Church. Then became a member of Valley Pike Church of the Brethren from 1960 to present. At Valley Pike he served as Deacon, Treasurer, Sunday School Teacher &

Superintendent, Choir Member, Legal Trustee and Cemetery Coordinator. Survivors include his wife of 63 years, Annabel, daughter Deborah Bowers and husband Wayne, 3 Grandsons Adam (Megan) Bowers, Aaron (Jessica) Bowers, Alan Bowers all of Woodstock. 4 beautiful great- granddaughters - Abby, Payton, Keira and Leah blessed the past few years. Also, surviving are nieces, nephews, 2 Sisters-In- Law and some cousins. Life, Love, Loyalty, Family, Friends, Church, Work, Gifts, Completed. Rest, Rewards. The family will receive friends at Valley Pike Church of the Brethren on Wednesday, August 26, 2020 from 1 to 2:00 PM, when a service will be conducted by Pastor Jonathan Fletcher. Burial will follow in the church cemetery. The family requests that memorial contributions may be made to the Shriners Hospitals for Children, 2900 Rocky Point Drive, Tampa, Florida 33607 or Valley Pike Church of the Brethren, P.O. Box 215, Maurertown, Virginia 22644. Online condolences can be left at www.valleyfs.com The arrangements are in the care of Heishman Funeral Service, Inc. and Valley Funeral Service Branch, Bowman's Crossing.

Cemetery Details

Valley Pike Church of the Brethren Cemetery

Maurertown, VA 22644

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG **26**. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Valley Pike Church of the Brethren
83 Headley Road
Maurertown, VA 22644

Funeral Service

AUG **26**. 2:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Melvin Miles Racey*

January 30, 2023 at 03:03 AM



“ *Melvin Miles Racey*

January 30, 2023 at 12:44 AM



“ *My condolences to the Racey family. I worked with Melvin many years ago at the first wholesale auto parts in the county. He was easy going and a good friend. He will be missed by family and friends.*

Edward L. Wood - August 29, 2020 at 12:35 PM



“ *Annabel, Debbie and families, you are in my thoughts and prayers at this time of your loss of your husband and father. We worked together many years at SMH. He will be missed. Take comfort in your memories. God bless. Linda Weaver McClanahan*

Linda Weaver McClanahan - August 27, 2020 at 01:41 PM



“ *May God be with you all during this hard time. Denise Sager Gochenour*

Denise Sager Gochenour - August 26, 2020 at 12:38 PM

GS

“ Gladys Stinson lit a candle in memory of Melvin Miles Racey



Gladys Stinson - August 25, 2020 at 09:47 PM

GS

“ Annabel, Wes & I are so sorry to hear about Melvin passing away. He will be missed. Keeping you and your family in our prayers. May you find comfort in the Lord during this time of sorrow

Gladys Stinson - August 25, 2020 at 09:46 PM

GS

“ Gladys Stinson lit a candle in memory of Melvin Miles Racey



Gladys Stinson - August 25, 2020 at 09:01 PM

MP

“ Annabel and family, my thoughts and prayers are with each of you during this difficult in your life. May God uplift your hearts in knowing how long you had him in your life. God Bless each of you.

Mary Ellen Pryor - August 25, 2020 at 12:59 PM

KB

“ Debbie and family, sorry to hear the loss of your dad. MAY GOD BLESS AND COMFORT YOU IN THE COMING DAYS!

Karen Burner - August 25, 2020 at 08:56 AM

KB

“ Karen Burner lit a candle in memory of Melvin Miles Racey



Karen Burner - August 25, 2020 at 08:54 AM

TS

“ I have known Melvin and Annabel for about 60 years and they have been in our Sunday School class at Valley Pike for many years, except for the last few years Melvin couldn't get there anymore because of his health. I will always remember what Melvin said one Sunday in the Sunday School, your foot may hurt, but if you see someone with no foot or feet, your foot doesn't hurt so bad now. Our prayers are with the family and especially Annabel. May the Lord bless each one and I know the family will have God in their hearts during this time.

God Bless,
Terry & Cindy Seal

Terry Seal - August 24, 2020 at 07:10 PM

EB

“ Dear Annabel and family, I am so sorry to hear of your loss. My deepest sympathy is sent to you and your family.
Evelyn and Gary Barb

Evelyn Barb - August 24, 2020 at 06:21 PM

JG

Prayers for the Racey family

Jeff Garber - August 25, 2020 at 01:24 PM