



## Ralph Franklin George

April 1, 1937 - February 10, 2024

The staff at Heishman Funeral Home Inc. sends condolences to the family of Ralph Franklin George.

After an extended illness, Ralph Franklin George, 86, of Edinburg, passed away at his home in Columbia Furnace on February 10, 2024. Ralph was born April 1, 1937, to the late Harry Irvin George and Mamie Mae Smoot George in Columbia Furnace.

The funeral will be conducted Thursday, 2/15/2024, at 2:00pm at Heishman Funeral Home, Bowman's Crossing, by Pastor Brian Duncan and Associate Pastor Randy Whetzel. Burial will be at Sunset View Memorial Gardens in Woodstock immediately after, with a meal to follow at First Church of Columbia Furnace at 19 Union Church Road, Edinburg. The family will receive family and friends on Wednesday, 2/14/2024, from 6:00-8:00pm at the funeral home.

Ralph retired from the USDA as a poultry inspector, but also owned several businesses throughout his life including a flower shop, grocery store, and a poultry farm. He was a Charter Member of the First Church of Columbia Furnace, and a Founding Member of the Shenandoah Valley Poultry Club. He graduated from Woodstock High School Class of 1956. Ralph also served his community as a 4-H leader for many years, leading his family to be 4-H Family of the Year in 1969. Ralph's many hobbies included his garden and flowers, raising jersey cows and show poultry, and he enjoyed hunting and

raising hunting dogs. Ralph dismantled and rebuilt an old log cabin up on Three Mile Mountain and took the time to enjoy the peacefulness of the woods.

Ralph was predeceased by his sister, Evelyn Burner (Ralph); brothers, Johnnie (Rose), Alger (Nancy), James Leo (Beatrice), Clifford, and Freddie. He was also predeceased by his father-in-law, William Ford Pifer; mother-in-law, Gladys Coffman Pifer; and brothers-in-law, Wilbur Kingree (Cora) and William Pifer Jr.

Ralph is survived by his wife of 65 years, Doris Ann Pifer George; son, Dennis George (Kimberly) of Edinburg; daughter, Carlotta McCormick (Gregory) of Spotsylvania; grandchildren, Dustin George (Sara), Erin Bockey (Brandon), Brett McCormick (Ashley), Allison Beckenstrater (Billy), and Brandon McCormick (Brehanna). He also loved his great-grandchildren, Olivia Waybright, Adalyn George, Blaine McCormick, Kallie McCormick, and soon-to-arrive Violet McCormick.

Ralph is also survived by sisters-in-law, Sylvia George, Beverly George, Mary Sue Polk (Earl); and brother-in-law, Donnie Pifer (Barbara); along with numerous nieces and nephews and long-time friends, Dale and Caroline Wetzel.

Pallbearers will be Dale Wetzel, Dustin George, Brett McCormick, Brandon McCormick, Billy Beckenstrater, and Brandon Bockey. Honorary pallbearers will be William Day, Dean Fadeley, Jimmy Hollar, and Lynn Wolverton.

The family would like to thank Blue Ridge Hospice Team 3, as well as Kathy Miller, for their excellent care and support.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to Blue Ridge Hospice, 333 W. Cork St, Suite 405, Winchester, VA 22601 or the First Church of Columbia Furnace Building Fund, c/o Sherrie Gnagey, 5 Yellow Springs Ln, Edinburg, VA 22824.

Online condolences may be left at [www.valleyfs.com](http://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

FEB 14. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Valley Funeral Service  
14116 South Middle Road  
Edinburg, VA 22824  
(540) 984-3700  
secretary.valleyfs@yahoo.com  
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## Funeral Service

FEB 15. 2:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

PD

“ *Ralph was a classmate of mine, and made it to our last reunion pre-Covid. I will miss him.* ”

Paul Dellinger - February 14, 2024 at 08:20 PM

MB

“ *Remembering good times we shared with your family. Thinking of you in thoughts and prayers, Phyllis and Melissa Wright and Mary Ellen Bosley.* ”

Mary Ellen Bosley - February 13, 2024 at 01:19 PM



“ *Sweet Tenderness was purchased for the family of Ralph Franklin George.* ”



February 13, 2024 at 09:32 AM

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“ *So sorry for your loss , hope you find comfort in the care you were able to provide for Ralph to keep him at home & knowing he now has total comfort & peace,keeping you all in our thoughts & prayers,  
Phil & April Baker* ”



April - February 12, 2024 at 05:52 PM



“ *My Deepest Sympathy and prayers are with the George Families. May you find peace in your heart with all the Memories you have shared with Ralph.*



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**Nancy Whittington** - February 12, 2024 at 05:39 PM



“ *So sorry for the family's loss. I know Ralph touched many lives and will be missed. A special condolence goes to Doris Ann that took such good care of him for the past few years. Doris Ann you are a one of a kind wife. ❤️. God bless.*

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**Christy Custer** - February 12, 2024 at 04:37 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Ralph Franklin George.*



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February 12, 2024 at 03:58 PM