



Ray Albert Wakeman

December 30, 1926 - April 11, 2019

Ray Wakeman, 92, of Edinburg, Virginia passed away April 11, 2019.

Ray was born on December 30, 1926, the second son born to Galen F. and Maude C. Wakeman of Edinburg.

Along with his parents, he is preceded in death by his wife, Edna Fravel Wakeman, brothers, Stanley J. Wakeman and Galen E. Wakeman and sisters, Fay Wilson and Carolyn Sue Wakeman.

He is survived by his daughters, Karen Hoffman (Ronnie) and Gail Payne (Steve); Grandchildren, Bartley Hoffman (Amanda), Meredith Bauserman (Andrew) and Zachary Payne (Nicole); Great Grandchildren, Elenor Bauserman, Beatrice Hoffman, Trenton, Alyssa, Colton and Taylor Payne, Robert and Austin Rabe, and Brothers, Paul (Mildred) Wakeman, Robert (Betty) Wakeman, Nelson (Jama) Wakeman and Wayne (Ruth) Wakeman, and numerous nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Farming was Ray's first occupation, working on the family farm with his Dad and brothers raising chickens, cows, pigs, and turkeys, and using horses to plow fields. After marriage, he worked at Green Miller Store, as a tractor-trailer driver and maintenance supervisor for Blue Ridge Poultry, and retired as maintenance supervisor of Aileen in 1990.

After Ray's retirement, he and Edna traveled to all 50 states as well as overseas. He learned to play the piano, guitar, harmonica, and accordion, performing at church and nursing homes.

He had a passion for helping people – he volunteered with the Church of the

Brethren Shenandoah District Disaster Response team providing relief support including plumbing, electrical and carpentry work to devastated areas in numerous states. He also volunteered in the Emergency Department of Shenandoah Memorial for over 20 years.

Ray was a furniture maker providing family members and friends with fine walnut, oak or cedar tables, dressers or any requested item. When large furniture became too hard to handle, he turned to smaller wooden items namely "Big Boy Toys" – building firetrucks, tractor trailers, grain trucks, tanker trucks, tractors, and vintage cars. Ray donated these items to the Shenandoah District Disaster Auction to raise funds for future disaster response efforts.

Visitation of Family and Friends will be held on Monday, April 15th from 6:00-8:00 p.m. A Memorial Service will be held on Tuesday, April 16th at 2:00 p.m. Both will be held at Wakemans Grove Church of the Brethren.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be sent to Shenandoah District Disaster Auction, P.O. Box 67, Weyers Cave, VA 24486 or Wakemans Grove Church of the Brethren, Building Fund, 668 Wakemans Grove Church Road, Edinburg, VA 22824.

Cemetery Details

Wakemans Grove Church of the Brethren Cemetery

668 Wakemans Grove Road
Edinburg, VA 22824

Tribute Wall



“ *Ray Albert Wakeman*

January 30, 2023 at 03:03 AM



“ *Ray Albert Wakeman*

January 30, 2023 at 12:44 AM



“ *Ray was one of a kind. He always had a smile on his face and such a giving heart. God Bless you Ray!*

Dawn Estep - April 17, 2019 at 10:34 AM



“ *He was a very nice man and very kind*



Karen fansler - April 15, 2019 at 05:43 PM



“ *"Can remember going by the house, on our trips to the farm, and seeing Ray outside always smiling and waving! Seems like such a long time ago! Such a pleasant ,easy going person.Karen and Gail,I know you will miss him very much and my thoughts are with you and family!A chapter in life we all must endure but made easier knowing mother and father are now together watching over their family. God Bless! STEVE. WILKINS"*

Steve. WILKINS - April 15, 2019 at 01:53 PM