



William Luther "Billy" Bushong

March 17, 1944 - November 25, 2025

The staff of Heishman Funeral Home/Valley Funeral Service sends condolences to the family of Mr. William Luther "Billy" Bushong.

William Luther Bushong (Billy) passed away on November 25, 2025. He was born in Torrington Wyoming on 3 – 17– 1944, the first Born to Garland and Frances Virginia Goodloe Bushong of Woodstock. He lettered at Central High School in track and field. After graduation he worked for Eileen as an electrician. He married his wife, Dolores Ann Borden in Woodstock on 6-11-1965. He is survived by his wife Dolores; sons Wade Bushong of Mount Jackson, Wyatt Bushong of Maurertown; two grandsons Ian and Kyle; his sister Barbara and husband, Jim Lee of Vacaville CA, Richard of Edinburg and Emery of Woodstock. Billy was involved with 4H since age 9 & FFA since he was 13, later he was a true leader of the Shenandoah County fair livestock, working with kids and adults always bringing out the best in them and lifting people up however he could.

Most of his work experience revolved around farming and crop insurance. He started working for Federal Crop in 1980. He worked for EL Ross, which later merged with RCIS then Wells Fargo finally Rain and Hail. He was the area director for most of the East Coast and before retiring in 2015 he was in charge of compliance even appearing before Congress.

He taught most of us many many things along the way, love of family, friends and food. He genuinely loved to cook, and his Signature meal was certainly ribeye steaks, pork & beans and macaroni salad enjoyed by all. Billy's love of horses was unmeasurable.

A celebration of his life will be held at Mount Zion Lutheran Church Fairview Road on December 6 at 2 PM followed by a graveside burial at Sunset View Memorial Cemetery west of Woodstock. Afterwards a finger food meal will follow at Mount Zion Lutheran Church.

In lieu of flowers his family appreciates gifts in his honor be made to Mount Zion Church or the 4H or FFA.

We love you, rest in peace Wild Bill.

Online condolences may be left at 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

Celebration of Life

DEC 6. 2:00 PM (ET)

Mount Zion Lutheran Church
2885-3185 Fairview Rd
Woodstock , VA 22664

Burial

DEC 6 (ET)

Sunset View Memorial Gardens
2677 Fravel Rd
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Tribute Wall

SW

“ Billy was an "institution" for 4-H at the Shenandoah co. fair. He was always there to help with the exhibitors, livestock, & helped to insure a smooth show & sale.

He will be missed by all of the 4-H'rs & friends whose lives he touched.

A true class act.

Scott Wisman

Scott wisman - December 08, 2025 at 04:23 PM

BM

“ I always looked forward to Billy's visits to our place on Back Road. He was an irrepressible spirit and will be greatly missed.

Bruce McClinton - December 05, 2025 at 01:42 PM



“ Farewell, Billy! You've been a leader, an inspiration, a friend. Happy trails, my friend!

Mark McHale - December 04, 2025 at 05:58 PM

PF

“ I will remember Mr Bill for his kindness for all he knew including his love for kids and animal's and his stories he would tell me I met him working at HandyMart in Woodstock. He would give me a lot of advice. He will always be remembered by me he was a legend ❤️

Pam Ford - December 04, 2025 at 11:12 AM

RC

“ Billy was the first person I met after moving to the valley in 1977. I lived in the house across the street from he and Doloris and loved being around him. Never a dull moment! He was definitely one of a kind and would help this old city boy anytime I needed it. He will be sorely missed! Rich Church

Rich Church - December 03, 2025 at 02:41 PM

DR

“ The Bushong family Garland and Virginia; children Billy, Barbara, and Richard were good friends with my family in the 1950s. I spend many wonderful times together with them playing in the woods and taking care of their animals on the farm outside Woodstock. After graduating high school and college I left Shenandoah County in 1967 for the Air Force and lost touch with these good people but will always have fond memories. Sincere condolences to all. Doug Riffey McDonough Georgia

Doug Riffey - December 03, 2025 at 12:56 PM

RS

“ My deepest condolences to Billy's family. I will always remember Billy as one of the foundations of Shenandoah County. I so appreciate his dedication to helping children understand farming and farm animals. He was so kind to me in the few times I had the privilege of talking to him.

Skipper and I will miss him. He was such a good man.

Rhonda Lively and Skipper Stiles - December 03, 2025 at 12:21 PM

DB

“ I'VE been Billy's neighbor for 22 years. We looked out for each other Always. 🙏❤️

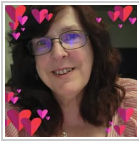
Donna F Buchanan - December 02, 2025 at 10:22 PM

CN

“ 1 file added to the album *County Fair Memories*



Carol Nansel - December 02, 2025 at 12:01 PM



“ *Deepest sympathy to the family
Prayers are sent*

Penny Yost - December 02, 2025 at 10:48 AM

FP

“ *May God Bless the Bushong family at this time of sorrow. RIP my friend.*

FRANK PAINTER - December 02, 2025 at 12:00 AM

DR

“ *He was a great figure who will be Missed Ride on into the sunset .Mr Bushshong*

DannyDanny Rinker - December 01, 2025 at 05:29 PM

AN

“ *20yrs ago my daughter rode a horse for the very first time at his farm with him leading her around. She always wanted to ride one and he insisted she ride one of his. Absolute wonderful man. He will be greatly missed.*

Angela - December 01, 2025 at 05:28 PM