

Ellis Wilson Roakes

June 25, 1930 - June 27, 2018

Ellis "Ed" Wilson Roakes, 88, of 279 Ivy Knoll Drive, Gladys died Wednesday, June 27, 2018 at his home. He was the husband of the late Barbara Jean Crews Roakes.

He was born June 25, 1930 in Campbell County, a son of the late John Henry Roakes and Hattie Scott Roakes. He was a member of Kedron Baptist Church, served the Gladys Volunteer Fire Department for over 30 years, a retired electrician for Delta Star and a proud U.S. Air Force Veteran.

He is survived by a son, David Wilson Roakes and his wife Nicole of Gladys; twin daughters, Sandra Roakes Francis and her husband Grayson of Nathalie and Susan Roakes Nash and her husband Binnie, Jr. of Gladys; one brother, Clark Roakes and his wife Thelma of Lynchburg; two sisters, Martha Mason of Gladys and Erna Holt of Brookneal; six grandchildren, Jennifer Becker (Matt), Laura Borel (Marcus), Jessica Nash, Jillian Nash, Cooper and Cole Roakes; five great grandchildren, Lily, Noah and Madelyn Becker and Meredith and Carrington Borel and a faithful canine companion Trixie.

He was preceded in death by five sisters, Alice, Lutie, Bernice, Helen and Nancy; and six brothers, Claude, Henry, Jesse, Carroll, Walter and Russell.

A graveside service will be conducted at 10:00 a.m., Saturday, June 30, 2018

at Kedron Baptist Church Cemetery by the Rev. Brian Reynolds with military honors by American Legion Altavista Memorial Post 36 and Gretna Post 232.

The family will receive friends from 6:30 until 8:30 p.m., Friday at Finch and Finch Funeral and Cremation Service, Gladys and other times at the residence.

The family suggests that those wishing to make memorials consider Gladys Volunteer Fire Department, P.O. Box 85, Gladys, VA 24554.

Finch and Finch Funeral and Cremation Service, Gladys is in charge of arrangements.

Cemetery Details

Kedron Baptist Church Cemetery

7862 Brookneal HWY
Gladys, VA 24554

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN **29**. 6:30 PM - 8:30 PM (ET)

Finch and Finch, Gladys
124 Flynn St.
Gladys, VA 24554

Graveside Service

JUN **30**. 10:00 AM (ET)

Kedron Baptist Church
7862 Brookneal HWY
Gladys, VA 24554

Tribute Wall



“ *Finch & Finch, Inc. Funeral & Cremation Service created a Tribute Video in memory of Ellis Wilson Roakes*



Finch & Finch, Inc. Funeral & Cremation Service - June 29, 2018 at 02:56 PM

KR

Ed was a fixture in our community we watched him go up and down Mollies Creek Road for over 40 years! We will miss his Witt and wisdom and pray for y'all as you grieve over losing your Diddy, and PaPa!

kay roakes - June 30, 2018 at 06:53 AM

CR

“ *I still remember his smile lighting up the room even 6 years later he was the best papa ever*

cole roakes - May 20, 2024 at 12:36 PM

RH

“ *Sandra, Susan, & David (and all your family members), There are no words that can express how sorry we were about the loss of your Dad. He always had the most interesting stories to share, he could always make you laugh, and he was a true testament of putting his family first. We know the days ahead will be difficult and we will be thinking and praying for you each day. We pray that God will ease the pain and replace it will wonderful memories. With all our love, Rhonda, Eric, Matt and Ryan.*

Rhonda - June 30, 2018 at 03:38 PM



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Finch & Finch, Inc. Funeral & Cremation Service - June 30, 2018 at 07:19 AM



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Finch & Finch, Inc. Funeral & Cremation Service - June 30, 2018 at 07:10 AM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Ellis Wilson Roakes.*



June 29, 2018 at 01:30 PM



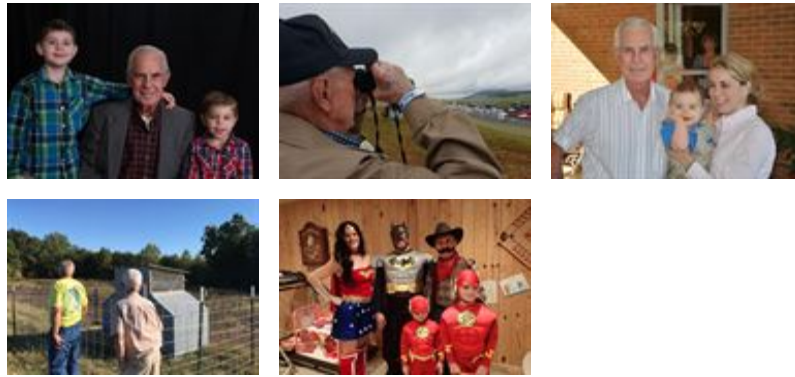
“ *Small Garden Dish was purchased for the family of Ellis Wilson Roakes.*



June 29, 2018 at 12:50 PM



“ *6 files added to the album Life Tributes*



Finch & Finch, Inc. Funeral & Cremation Service - June 29, 2018 at 12:46 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Ellis Wilson Roakes.*



June 29, 2018 at 09:12 AM

AF

“ *Susan and Family: Thinking of you with sympathy and love.*



Anita Freeman-Phillips - June 29, 2018 at 09:11 AM

DB

“ *Susan, Sandra and David,*

*Remembering your wonderful dad and wishing you comfort.
Holding you close in our thoughts and prayers.
Debbie and Buddy Burman*

Deborah N Burman - June 29, 2018 at 08:58 AM



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Finch & Finch, Inc. Funeral & Cremation Service - June 29, 2018 at 07:36 AM

LG

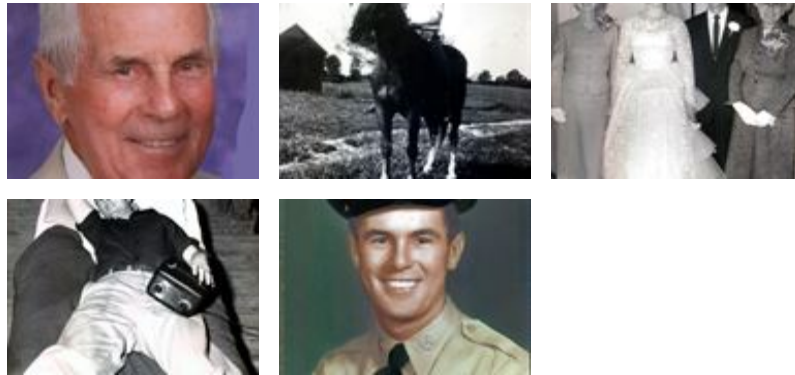
“ *Love, Your Centra Girls. purchased the Secret Garden Basket for the family of Ellis Wilson Roakes.*



Love, Your Centra Girls. - June 28, 2018 at 07:08 PM



“ 49 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Finch & Finch, Inc. Funeral & Cremation Service - June 28, 2018 at 03:51 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of *Ellis Wilson Roakes*.



June 28, 2018 at 08:22 AM