

George Washington Goodman Jr.

March 29, 1924 - September 10, 2020

George W. "GW" Goodman Jr. 96, of Gladys passed away on September 10, 2020. Born March 29, 1924 in Lynch Station to George W. Goodman Sr. and Ester EuLalia Goodman, he was the oldest of 7.

He is survived by the love of his life for over 70 years Verna Crews Goodman of Lynchburg, son Rick (Sharon) of Cary, NC, daughters Vicki Pick (Gary), and Denise Speas of Lynchburg, and Stefanie Morgan (Sam) of Concord. Grandchildren Sam Terry (Laura Beth) and Rick Terry of Nathalie, Melinda Terry and Becky Reynolds (Justin) of Gladys, Max Goodman and Rachel Goodman of North Carolina and Zack Morgan of Concord. Great grandchildren Tori Terry of Gladys, Greysen, Montana and Brady Terry of Nathalie and Seth and Adley Reynolds of Gladys, one brother-in-law Bobby (Sue) Crews of Lynchburg. Also surviving are numerous nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, brothers Walter and Clyde, sisters Jewel, Hilda, Louise and Rachel and their respective spouses.

Dad was a lifelong member of Mt. Herman Baptist Church in Lynch Station where he was baptized at a young age. Dad loved his Lord and Savior.

Dad served in the United States Army during WWII from 1943-1946. He was a proud member of the 567th Anti Aircraft Artillery Battalion Automatic Weapons

unit. He was awarded battle stars for his participation in the Northern France, Central Europe, The Ardeennes Offensive (Battle of the Bulge) and the Rhineland Campaign. Dad served in General George Patton's 3rd Army the last 5 ½ months of the war. His battalion was the first American unit to arrive at the Rhine River from Mainz, Germany. Upon learning of the end of the war his battalion celebrated a bit too much when a 40 mm cannon was fired and went through General Patton's office tent with him inside. Thankfully, it didn't explode.

He served 18 months in Yokohama-Tokyo Japan in the Army Judge Advocate General's office in the War Claims Division.

He was a graduate of Virginia Commercial Business School, Lynchburg College and Longwood College and taught at William Campbell High School for over 30 years. Dad taught stenography, typing, business, history, math and anything else they needed someone to teach.

Dad was a talented musician who played most any instrument he picked up. The guitar and trumpet were his favorites. He played music with multiple bands for over 60 years. He played a lot of Dixieland and Big Band music and was given the nickname Little Benny referring to Benny Goodman. Dad loved fishing, hunting, and gardening and instilled this love in his family. Dad loved baseball, being a Washington Nationals fan going back to when they were the Washington Senators. As much as Dad loved all of these things, he most loved his wife and family including his special friends, caregivers for Mom and neighbors. Dad truly was a teacher in every way, teaching all of us so many things about life and what's truly important. Thanks Dad. We miss you terribly.

The funeral service will be at Finch and Finch, Inc. in Altavista Thursday September 17 at 12 with burial at Spring Hill Cemetery. Service officiated by Chris Brooks. Visitation will be 2 hours prior to the funeral service, and other

times at the home of Stefanie and Sam at 8458 Spring Mill Rd, Concord.

In lieu of flowers please consider the following charities: Alzheimer's Association 225 N. Michigan Ave., 17th Fl. Chicago, IL 60601, National D-Day Memorial P.O. Box 77, Bedford, VA 24523 or The Ward Burton Wildlife Foundation P.O. Box 519, Halifax, VA 24558.

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

Cemetery Details

Spring Hill Cemetery

3000 Fort Ave.
Lynchburg, VA 24501

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP 17. 10:00 AM - 11:45 AM (ET)

Finch and Finch, Altavista
809 Main St.
Altavista, VA 24517

Funeral Service

SEP 17. 12:00 PM (ET)

Finch and Finch Chapel
809 Main St.
Altavista, VA 24517

Tribute Wall



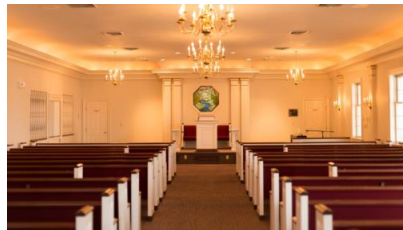
“ *Finch & Finch, Inc. Funeral & Cremation Service created a Tribute Video in memory of George Washington Goodman Jr.*



Finch & Finch, Inc. Funeral & Cremation Service - September 22, 2020 at 11:37 AM



“ *Finch & Finch, Inc. Funeral & Cremation Service created a Webcast in memory of George Washington Goodman Jr.*



Finch & Finch, Inc. Funeral & Cremation Service - September 17, 2020 at 09:24 AM

MA

“ *Marian sent a virtual gift in memory of George Washington Goodman Jr.*



Marian - June 07, 2021 at 02:43 PM

MA

“ *Marian lit a candle in memory of George Washington Goodman Jr.*



Marian - June 07, 2021 at 02:41 PM

JT

“ *As a former student, I was truly fortunate to have had Mr. Goodman as a high school teacher. He was a great asset to the William Campbell faculty and the community at large. He was a patriot and a devoted teacher to all of his students.*

John Tonkins - September 17, 2020 at 08:01 AM

VG

Thank you very much for your kind thoughts--the family.

Vicki Leigh Goodman - October 15, 2020 at 09:39 AM



“ *Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of George Washington Goodman Jr..*



September 16, 2020 at 12:29 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of George Washington Goodman Jr..*



September 15, 2020 at 03:45 PM



“ *George's wife, Verna, worked for me at Triangle Ford & Mercury for many years. She did not drive a car and George brought her to work every day and met her every evening after work. I remember George's great love of music and him playing his guitar with a local band which included Herman Ginther, Bennie Ginther, Frazier Sizemore, Barry Rice and others. Everyone enjoyed their music together.*

He taught many students at William Campbell H.S. but I graduated in 1950 from Brookneal High School and did know him as a teacher, but he taught my brother, Gene Elder, typing. I can see him smiling now with his pipe. We are so glad George and Verna were a part of our lives.

We know what it's like to lose a dear father and pray God will give each of you the strength, comfort and encouragement you need during this difficult time.

*Our love & prayers,
Harvey & Joyce Elder*

Harvey & Joyce Elder - September 15, 2020 at 03:18 PM

EW

“ *Condolences to the family of this awesome man. We knew him through Stephanie and Sam. I know he will be missed by everyone.*



Earl & Barbara Wood - September 14, 2020 at 03:43 PM

VG

Thank you very much--the family.

Vicki Leigh Goodman - October 15, 2020 at 09:41 AM

BS

“ *Barry and Julia Scott purchased the Pretty Pleas e for the family of George Washington Goodman Jr..*



Barry and Julia Scott - September 14, 2020 at 01:38 PM

TW

“ *Tommy Walker lit a candle in memory of George Washington Goodman Jr.*



Tommy Walker - September 14, 2020 at 08:26 AM

VG

Thank you so much, we appreciate your kind thoughts--the family.

Vicki Leigh Goodman - October 15, 2020 at 09:41 AM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of George Washington Goodman Jr..*



September 14, 2020 at 07:50 AM



“ *I am so sorry for the loss of a friend, I have not seen him and the family for a very long time, I remember a Florida trip and fishing and wonderful fish for dinner at thi brothers home. Just love to the family.*

Eloise D. "Goodman" Toomath

Eloise D. Toomath - September 13, 2020 at 11:36 PM



Dear Eloise, thank you so very much, it means a lot to hear from you, Mom and Dad thought a lot of you, also--Vicki Goodman.

Vicki Leigh Goodman - October 15, 2020 at 09:43 AM

PE

“ I would like to say how very sorry I am to hear my long time high school teacher, and friend, at William Campbell High School Mr. George Goodman , has passed away ! Mr. Goodman was not only my teacher, we also played in Mr. Herman Gunther, “Dixie Land Jass Band” together for most all my high school years and after I graduated ,for a few years !
I remember back before I went to high school , we use to get together with my Uncle Raymond Jones , and pick bluegrass music , with me and my brothers. We have had some great times together all three out life ! Here’s to my good friend, looking down on all of us from Heaven , I will always remember you and all the good times we’ve had ,riding together, joking and and having (good clean fun) . I have always looked up to you ,along with all the band members, which were all my High School teachers. R.I.P.my friend! 🙏

Philip H. Epperson - September 13, 2020 at 04:38 PM

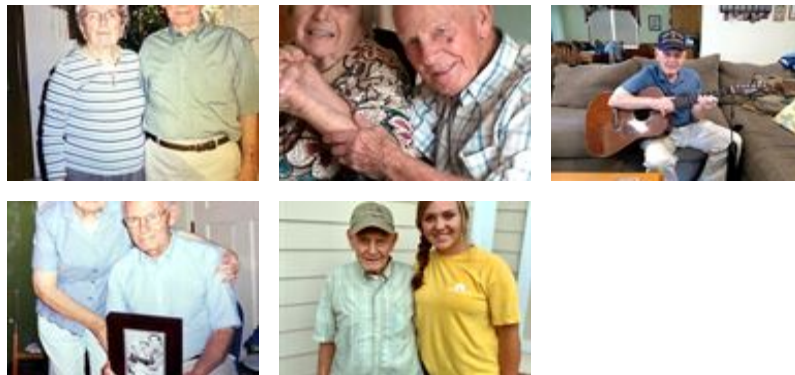
VG

Thank you so very much--the family.

Vicki Leigh Goodman - October 15, 2020 at 09:44 AM



“ 86 files added to the album Life Tributes



Finch & Finch, Inc. Funeral & Cremation Service - September 13, 2020 at 12:15 PM

JB

“ I lost touch with Mr. Goodman in recent years. He was a teacher that I will never forget because he not only taught me typing he became a friend. I'm eternally grateful for that. I just prayed for family and friends as you celebrate and grieve his passing.
J. W. Burton

J. W. BURTON - September 13, 2020 at 11:34 AM

VG

We thank you so much for your thoughts and prayers, Mr. Burton--the family.

Vicki Leigh Goodman - October 15, 2020 at 09:45 AM

LY

“ Lona Nowlin Younger lit a candle in memory of George Washington Goodman Jr.



Lona Nowlin Younger - September 13, 2020 at 10:29 AM

VG

We thank you so much for your kind thoughts, Mrs. Younger--the family.

Vicki Leigh Goodman - October 15, 2020 at 09:45 AM

JU

“ I had Mr Goodman as my government teacher in high school at William Campbell . He was a wonderful encouraging teacher. I'm sending my sincere condolences to his family. Judy Daniel Jordan

judyjordan - September 13, 2020 at 08:24 AM

VG

Thank you for your kind remembrance of Dad--the family.

Vicki Leigh Goodman - October 15, 2020 at 09:46 AM

CT

“ *The doors for the new consolidated school in Naruna, VA - WILLIAM CAMPBELL HS and there, on the second floor was the two room domain of Mr. Goodman. He taught typing, shorthand, bookkeeping - anything related to business. A bright new opportunity for us young country people - most never seen a typewriter up close. What a great gentleman, Impeccably dressed (always a suit/french cuffs). Those brand new Royal machines humming to his cadence of "asdf space, jkl semi-colon space" as he marched up and down the isles to assure 3 of us boys stretched across the back row on those old impossible Remington's were there for the right reason - true gentleman and mentor in every sense!!! Our class of 1954 always invited him to our reunions for which he was always grateful and shared his love of nature stories. Wow, did he really catch all those fish? He would often laugh and enjoyed our stories of our principal and his "boss" - Mr. Stickler! Everyone loved this gentleman all of his wonderful, giving life. Rest in peace, you earned it!*

Charles W. Tibbs - September 13, 2020 at 07:44 AM

CT

“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



Charles W. Tibbs - September 13, 2020 at 07:32 AM

BR

“ Please accept our condolences. Mr. Goodman was our good neighbor for decades, and he is missed. He served honorably in WWII, was a respected high school teacher, and was an avid sportsman. He enjoyed sharing his love of hunting and fishing with young people and was generous with his garden’s produce. Barry Riddle

Barry Riddle - September 12, 2020 at 06:58 PM

VJ

I was friends with his daughter, Denise, from first grade on through high school and visited their home many times. He and Mrs. Goodman were good people. I extend my deepest sympathy to all the family. I know he will be missed.

Virginia DeJarnette Jennings

Virginia DeJarnette Jennings - September 22, 2020 at 09:14 AM

EW

Vickie and family--I just learned of your father's passing. What a wonderful life he lived! I'll always remember the many times he came to the house so he and Dad could play trumpet and clarinet together, as well as the full Dixieland Band rehearsals in our den. And how much my parents enjoyed the New Year's Eve celebrations with your parents for many years after I left home, playing music and cooking breakfast together.

Love and condolences to you,
Beth Ginther Winkler, Boone, NC

Elizabeth Winkler - October 05, 2020 at 11:28 AM

VG

Thank you so much, Beth, for your kind thoughts and the good memories of Dad--and, yes, we remember how much Moma and Dad enjoyed those New Year's Eve celebrations with your parents--love to you-the family.

Vicki Leigh Goodman - October 15, 2020 at 09:49 AM