

Ralph M. Farmer

November 13, 1941 - February 20, 2021

Ralph Morgan Farmer, 79, of Hurt died Saturday, February 20, 2021 at Centra Lynchburg General Hospital. He was the husband of Linda Rice Farmer for 62 years.

He was born November 13, 1941 in Pittsylvania County, a son of the late Luther Frank Farmer and Julia Randolph Farmer. He was a member of Hurt Pentecostal Holiness Church and the retired owner/operator of Ralph M. Farmer Painting. Ralph was on the Board of Directors at Bank of the James and a member of the Grit Ruritan Club.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by one daughter, Kelly Farmer, and one son, Matthew Farmer and his wife, Susan of Hurt.

Many thanks to his special nieces, nephews and friends who have been a wonderful blessing throughout the years with calls and visits.

He was preceded in death by eleven siblings, Mary, Harry, Pauline, Russell, Irvin, Eddie, Roy and Carl Farmer, Delma Bradley, Martha Eades and Stella Finch.

A funeral service will be conducted at 2:00 p.m., Tuesday, February 23, 2021 at Hurt Pentecostal Holiness Church by the Rev. Dr. Rich Denning and Rev. Mark Hopkins with interment to follow in Green Hill Cemetery.

Ralph will be available for viewing from 9:00 a.m. until 9:00 p.m., Monday at Finch and Finch Funeral and Cremation Service, Altavista.

The family suggests that those wishing to make memorials consider Hurt Pentecostal Holiness Church, 1212 Grit Road, Hurt, VA 24563.

Cemetery Details

Green Hill Cemetery

300 Westwood Drive
Altavista, VA 24517

Previous Events

Viewing

FEB **22**. 9:00 AM - 9:00 PM (ET)

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

Funeral Service

FEB **23**. 2:00 PM (ET)

Hurt Pentecostal Holiness Church
1212 Grit Rd.
Hurt, VA 24563

Tribute Wall



“ *Finch & Finch, Inc. Funeral & Cremation Service created a Tribute Video in memory of Ralph M. Farmer*



Finch & Finch, Inc. Funeral & Cremation Service - February 22, 2021 at 10:13 AM

BH

BEAUTIFUL!!! SHOWS THE LOVE OF A FAMILY MAN, AND ONE THAT LOVED GOD! LONNIE AND BRENDA HACKWORTH

brenda Hackworth - February 25, 2021 at 06:27 AM

MA

“ *Marian sent a virtual gift in memory of Ralph M. Farmer*



Marian - April 03, 2021 at 04:59 PM

MA

“ *Marian lit a candle in memory of Ralph M. Farmer*



Marian - April 03, 2021 at 04:58 PM

CT

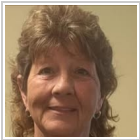
“ So very sorry to hear of Ralph passing. I really enjoyed my summers and breaks working for Ralph and Matthew. I learned life long skills from him. Sending prayers.
Christy Reighard Trace

Christine Trace - March 02, 2021 at 11:26 AM

DW

“ *Ralph was a man of the old school. Hard worker and a gentleman of his word. We worked together many years ago and he always did more than anyone could ask. A smile, a handshake. My utmost respect and warmest regards to the family. A great man will be missed..*
David E Wormuth

david wormuth - February 27, 2021 at 04:24 PM



“ *Ralph I'm going to miss you just like so many others but I know we will meet again, Thank you for who you were, I love you and your family<3 and my prayers continue and what a comfort in knowing they have you as their very own Angel*

Vickie Williams - February 26, 2021 at 09:53 PM

BD

“ Bunky and I were so very sorry to hear of Ralph's passing. We always enjoyed talking with him and he was such a kind person. Will never forget the time at the beach (Lakewood) when our son was little and had a bike incident scraped up his knee and here come Ralph with the bike and Pearson on his golf cart to our camper. Before he left Ralf gave him a 20 dollar bill and told him to go to the arcade and spend that \$20 and he would forget his knee hurt. That happened about 18 years ago and our son still talks about what Ralph did for him. Prayers for peace and comfort for all the family.
Bunky and Terri Doss



Bunky and Terri Doss - February 25, 2021 at 07:46 AM

MM

“ Melissa McClanahan lit a candle in memory of Ralph M. Farmer



Melissa McClanahan - February 24, 2021 at 08:19 PM

LD

“ Linda, Harold and I just heard of Ralph's passing and we send our deepest sympathy to you and the family. You all will be in our thoughts and prayers in the days and weeks to come. Love, Linda and Harold Dedo (Killis and Ruby's daughter)

Linda Dedo - February 23, 2021 at 08:36 PM

MW

“ *Marsha Wood lit a candle in memory of Ralph M. Farmer*



Marsha Wood - February 23, 2021 at 07:41 PM



“ *2 files added to the album Funeral Service*



Finch & Finch, Inc. Funeral & Cremation Service - February 23, 2021 at 04:48 PM

AP

“ *1 file added to the album LifeTributes*



Angela Pereira - February 23, 2021 at 04:03 PM

AH

“ *Amy Sellick Hockaday lit a candle in memory of Ralph M. Farmer*



Amy Sellick Hockaday - February 23, 2021 at 03:57 PM

LR

“ Some years ago, a group of us were attempting to create a home for battered women, which eventually became known as "Frannies House", in honor of the late Frances Lane. Local churches each "adoped" rooms, and painted, fixed, and furnished them. But utilities were a problem, and they became part of the basement. And, THAT was a problem: everything was dark, gray, and "dirty looking". I finally caught up with Ralph, who enthusiastically "adopted" the job of making the basement livable and inviting. In fact, he insisted his men spend two more days until he thought it was "right". Let me be forthright about this: this was ALL at his own expense! He just wanted it to be "right" for any girl in that circumstance. What a great guy!

Len Rogers - February 23, 2021 at 02:09 PM

DC

“ Donna Cranfill lit a candle in memory of Ralph M. Farmer



Donna Cranfill - February 23, 2021 at 01:58 PM

DV

“ Linda and family, I have thought and thought about which memory to share with you. But I can't pick just one. I think of all the Thanksgiving, Christmas' and vacations at the beach, so many wonderful memories, our children growing up together. Just know I will forever remember all of them and love each of you so much. May the Lord be with you and comfort as only he can.

Dale Vaughan - February 23, 2021 at 01:23 PM

DS

“ *Danny & Mary Singleton lit a candle in memory of Ralph M. Farmer*



Danny & Mary Singleton - February 23, 2021 at 10:39 AM

LR

“ *Larry And Nadine Roach lit a candle in memory of Ralph M. Farmer*



Larry and Nadine Roach - February 23, 2021 at 03:56 AM

MT

“ *Mike, Kim, & Hannah Towler lit a candle in memory of Ralph M. Farmer*



Mike, Kim, & Hannah Towler - February 22, 2021 at 06:50 PM

CC

“ *Chandler Concrete lit a candle in memory of Ralph M. Farmer*



Chandler Concrete - February 22, 2021 at 05:00 PM

JW

“ Linda, Matthew, and Kelly,
I had the privilege of knowing Ralph for a number of years and always found him to be someone you could always count on, dedicated, and a true friend. He had a sense of humor and always greeted you with a smile. The community has lost a true gentleman who will be sorely missed. My deepest condolences and sincere sympathy to you and the entire family.
Ken and Joan Woodson



Joan Woodson - February 22, 2021 at 04:56 PM

SR

“ In our previous post we made a grievous error that needs to be corrected immediately. We commented that Ralph had always treated Susan like a daughter. That sentence very obviously should have read Ralph and Linda have always treated Susan like a daughter. We apologize if any misperception has occurred. Dear Linda has always been incredibly sweet and kind to us as well. There are no finer people that we have ever known than Ralph and Linda Farmer. They have both been an incredible blessing in our lives and even that is putting it mildly. We're so sorry Linda. We didn't mean for that to read like a slight. You know how we feel about you guys.

Shawn and Freida Reynolds - February 22, 2021 at 01:53 PM

SR

“ There are no adequate words to describe the sense of loss and sadness we feel in this moment. It is simply unthinkable to imagine what life will be like without Ralph in ours. He and Linda so very kindly lovingly and generously welcomed us as a part of their family when their son Matthew married our daughter Susan. A match truly made in heaven. Their friendliness and love has truly been a blessing in our lives.

Ralph has always treated Susan like a daughter and we have always did our best to make Matthew feel like he was a son to us because he is.

We cannot overstate what it is has meant to us to know and love Ralph. We have known no finer man. He was good, kind, generous, loving and perhaps most of all a faithful servant of God. He will be truly and sorely missed.

Some of our fondest memories of him was when he was in one of his rascally moods. He sometimes teased Susan mercilessly but it was obvious he loved her dearly. They had so much fun together. It was simply fun to know Ralph.

We will miss his presence at family gatherings at special times. But we will certainly remember the good company and fun we got to experience with him at his home or at the beach. He loved the beach.

We could spend hours telling stories about the goodness and kindness of Ralph Farmer. But we suspect anyone who knew him could do the same.

Linda, Kelly, Matthew and Susan please know that we love you all with all of our heart. We hurt and miss him too. But we take comfort in knowing that Ralph is where he ultimately belongs. The place where we all hope to be someday. Jesus would tell us to rejoice and be happy for him. We understand that it's hard to think that way in

this moment but the knowledge that he is healthy and happy and in the presence of the Lord brings us some measure of peace and comfort. We pray it does the same are you all.

Shawn and Freida Reynolds

Shawn and Freida Reynolds - February 22, 2021 at 12:22 PM

TP

“ *Kelly and family, I'm so sorry to hear of your loss. My heart goes out to you and your family, as I lost my mom few years ago. I am praying that God will comfort the family today and in the months to come. Kelly take care my friend as my heart is with you every day.*
Terry Price

Terry Price - February 22, 2021 at 10:16 AM

CB

“ *Charles Baldwin lit a candle in memory of Ralph M. Farmer*



Charles Baldwin - February 22, 2021 at 10:07 AM

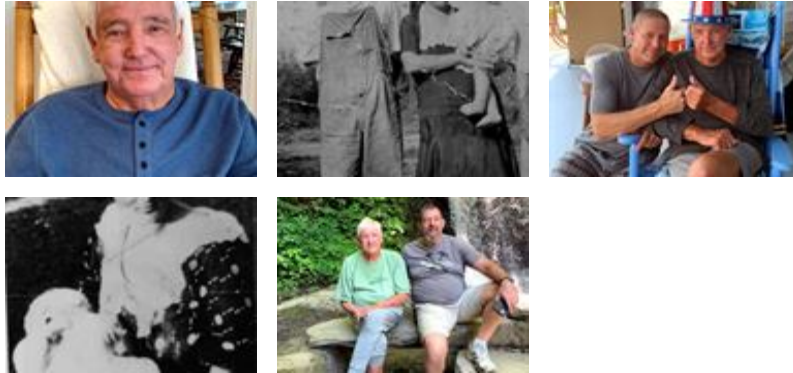
CB

“ *Ralph will be missed by all who knew him. Prayers for Linda, Kelly, Matthew and Susuan. He was such a joy to be around.*

Charles Baldwin - February 22, 2021 at 10:07 AM



“ 113 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Finch & Finch, Inc. Funeral & Cremation Service - February 22, 2021 at 10:06 AM

BT

“ *I've been knowing Ralph and Mathew for many years. Loved the awesome work they've always done and the many laughs along the way. I always appreciated how much Ralph loved his family. I will miss him greatly. Thoughts and prayers to Linda, Mathew, Kelly and family.*
Billy Joe Tuck

Billy Joe Tuck - February 22, 2021 at 10:02 AM



“ *Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of Ralph M. Farmer.*



February 22, 2021 at 08:23 AM

CD

“ We have known Ralph all our life. Grew up in the same community. Prayers for the family.

Carlton-Linda Lewis Dalton - February 21, 2021 at 10:04 PM

CS

“ Linda, Kelly, Matthew and Susan, We were so sorry to hear of Ralph passing. Keeping you all close in our thoughts and prayers during this difficult time. We know he will be missed by all who knew him. With our Deepest Sympathy, Wayne, Clara Smith & Family



Clara Smith - February 21, 2021 at 08:44 PM

KH

“ Kimberly Hammond lit a candle in memory of Ralph M. Farmer



kimberly hammond - February 21, 2021 at 08:40 PM



“ Sweet Tranquility Basket was purchased for the family of Ralph M. Farmer.



February 21, 2021 at 07:58 PM

CS

“ *Cindy Stewart lit a candle in memory of Ralph M. Farmer*



Cindy Stewart - February 21, 2021 at 07:41 PM

KW

“ *Linda, Kelly, and Matthew,
I was so sorry to learn of Ralph’s passing. It was a privilege having known him for many years. He was always an honest, dedicated, and kind gentleman. He greeted everyone with a smile and always possessed a great sense of humor. He made his mark on the community and will be sorely missed.
My Condolences and Sincere Sympathy,
Ken Woodson*

Ken Woodson - February 21, 2021 at 07:30 PM

D[

“ *Dot Mitchell [Rorer] sent a virtual gift in memory of Ralph M. Farmer*



Dot Mitchell [Rorer] - February 21, 2021 at 06:43 PM

CA

“ *My Thoughts an Prayers are with the family*



CarolRowland - February 21, 2021 at 06:29 PM

GG

“ *So very sorry for you loss. He was such a great person and will be missed by all. You all have my deepest sympathy.*



Gwendolyn Dawson Goggin - February 21, 2021 at 06:08 PM

LD

“ *Linda, Matt and Kelly, you have all suffered a great loss. He was one in a million. I wish I could say something to lighten the pain but I can't. God will take care of him there and he will take care of y'all here. May God put his loving arms around you and give you peace. Love you so much. Lois Dudley*

Lois Dudley - February 21, 2021 at 04:34 PM

SF

“ *So sorry for your loss. Prayers for the family*



Shirley Forloines - February 21, 2021 at 04:33 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Ralph M. Farmer.*



February 21, 2021 at 04:25 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Ralph M. Farmer.*



February 21, 2021 at 04:17 PM



“ *Linda, Kelly, Matthew and Susan. My heart breaks for you all. I just can't believe he's gone. You all have been family for so long. I love and care for you all so much. Praying for you all. Ralph I will definitely miss that big smile of yours.*

Susan Roberts - February 21, 2021 at 04:01 PM



“ *Dianne Fifer lit a candle in memory of Ralph M. Farmer*



Dianne Fifer - February 21, 2021 at 03:52 PM

AJ

“ Angie, Chris, and Jonathan purchased the Guiding Light Bouquet for the family of Ralph M. Farmer.



Angie, Chris, and Jonathan - February 21, 2021 at 03:05 PM

DD

“ Dear Matthew, Linda, Kelly and Farmer family. I am so sad and disheartened to hear about the passing of Ralph. I always looked at Ralph as a second father to me. Ralph was such a wonderful and well respected man in our community and will be missed by everyone. My thoughts and prayers are with all of you during your loss.

Sincerely,
Dennis DeLappe

Dennis DeLappe - February 21, 2021 at 03:00 PM

SN

“ Lit a candle in memory of Ralph Morgan Farmer



Steve Nichols - February 21, 2021 at 02:57 PM

BG

“ Linda, Matthew and family - we are so very sorry to hear of the loss of Ralph. He was an icon and will surely be missed. You are in our prayers for comfort and peace during this difficult time. Bill and Betty Gillespie



Betty Gillespie - February 21, 2021 at 02:50 PM

RC

“ Our sincere Condolences to the family. And May your beautiful memories bring you strength and comfort for today and the days to come.



Ray and Kay Caldwell - February 21, 2021 at 02:24 PM

DR

“ Dennis Rowland lit a candle in memory of Ralph M. Farmer



Dennis Rowland - February 21, 2021 at 01:41 PM

LR

“ Was so sorry to hear about his death, Praying for his family, I loved to talk with him, even when we disagreed, he always made me laugh, I will remember that!

Larry Rowland - February 21, 2021 at 01:35 PM

JW

So sorry for your loss

Janice Webber - February 21, 2021 at 02:49 PM

AP

Going to miss my Uncle Ralph....he always in fun picked on me or had some silly something to say we could have a laugh about. A very good soul that I hope is enjoying his heavenly reward. Love and prayers of comfort to Aunt Linda, Kelly, Matthew, and Susan.

Angie Pereira - February 21, 2021 at 05:58 PM

LL

“ *Lois Lawhorn lit a candle in memory of Ralph M. Farmer*



lois lawhorn - February 21, 2021 at 01:33 PM

JD

“ *Joyce Dalton lit a candle in memory of Ralph M. Farmer*



joyce dalton - February 21, 2021 at 01:30 PM

GW

“ *Sorry for your loss. Prayers. He was a good man. Always had that smile on his face.*



Gwenda Willard - February 21, 2021 at 01:01 PM

ME

“ So sorry for your loss. You all are in my thoughts & prayers at this time.



Mary Edmonds - February 21, 2021 at 01:00 PM

AK

“ Thoughts and prayers for the Family & Friends.
Alice Krantz Keesee



ALICE K KEESEE - February 21, 2021 at 12:56 PM

BC

“ Linda & Family,
We are so sorry for your loss. May your Sweet Memories bring you comfort in the days ahead.
Love & Prayers,
Butch & Glenna W. Carr



Butch & Glenna W. Carr - February 21, 2021 at 12:43 PM

MB

“ *Not the same this morning not seeing Ralph in church and joking with him. He will be greatly missed. So loved by all who knew him!! We always enjoyed seeing him whether at church or out anywhere. Linda, Kelly, Matthew and Susan, we will continue to lift you up in prayers. Your family is very special to us!!! Love and Prayers to you!!!*
Ryland and Mitzi Brumfield

Mitzi Brumfield - February 21, 2021 at 12:40 PM

BT

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