



## Hassel Edison Rife

April 11, 1945 - March 29, 2013

Hassel Edison Rife, age 67 of the Gratton section of Tazewell, VA died Friday, March 29 2013 at his home. He was born April 11, 1945 at Bluefield, WV and was a son of the late First Lieutenant Cecil E. Rife and Hazel Yost Rife Hammitt. Hassel was a 1962 graduate of Madison School in Syracuse, NY and 1988 graduate of Blanton's Jr. College in Ashville, NC. Hassel had worked in the funeral industry for several years as a funeral director's assistant having worked for the former Greever Funeral Home of Tazewell, VA and Campbell Funeral Home of Abingdon, VA. He was proud to be a Charter Member of the Frog Level Yacht Club. He attended Mary's Presbyterian Church in Gratton, VA and could listen to gospel music for hours.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his brother, John Howard Rife; maternal grandparents, F. F. and Louanna Yost; his friend and loyal pet, Bud.

Those left to cherish his memory include, special aunt, Hallie Melvin of Gratton, VA; special cousins, Mike Melvin and wife, Sandy, Sharon Yost, Michael Shannon Melvin, and Wesley Hunter Melvin, all of Gratton, VA; aunt, Vada Yost of Gratton, VA; uncles, Bob Yost and wife, Gwen of Gratton, VA and Bruce Yost and wife, Frances of Bluefield, VA; several other family members and friends also survive.

Graveside services for Hassel Edison Rife will be conducted at 11:00 a.m. Tuesday, April 2, 2013 at Grandview Memory Gardens Mausoleum in Bluefield, VA with the Rev. Chris White officiating. Pallbearers will be Shannon

Melvin, Jason Casey, Mike Melvin, Bob Yost and Brandon Yost. The Staff of Hurst-Scott Funeral Home of Tazewell, VA will serve as honorary pallbearers. There will be no public visitation prior to the graveside service.

In lieu of flowers, Hassel requested that memorial donations to be made to a Church or a Charity of one's choice.

Those wishing to attend the graveside service are asked to meet at the Hurst – Scott Funeral Home in Tazewell, VA by 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, April 2, 2013.

# Cemetery Details

## Grandview Memory Gardens

38659 Gov . G.C. Peery Hwy  
Bluefield, VA 24605

# Previous Events

## Graveside Service

APR 2. 11:00 AM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Hassel Edison Rife*

January 14, 2023 at 04:24 PM



“ *Hassel Edison Rife*

January 14, 2023 at 02:26 PM



“ *Praying for all the family members of Hassel. We are so sorry for your loss and we will miss him also especially at the family reunions. Wish we could have been there yesterday, but were unable to travel. You will all be in our prayers*

*Ken and Pat Young, Greer, SC*

Kenneth Young - April 03, 2013 at 10:20 AM



“ *We are truly sorry for your loss. You are in our thoughts and prayers.*

Curtis & Martha Cruet & Sherri Dorton - April 01, 2013 at 11:30 AM



“ *Darrel And Libby Kimberlin lit a candle in memory of Hassel Edison Rife*



Darrel and Libby Kimberlin - April 01, 2013 at 11:25 AM

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“ To the Family, I am so sorry for your loss. It has been several years since I talked with Hassel but he never failed to bring a smile to my face. May Jesus comfort you now and in the days ahead.

Terri Dorton - April 01, 2013 at 10:47 AM

NW

“ Nancy Carol White lit a candle in memory of Hassel Edison Rife



Nancy Carol White - March 31, 2013 at 02:19 PM

CW

“ Chris White lit a candle in memory of Hassel Edison Rife



Chris White - March 30, 2013 at 04:39 PM