



## Hobart McKinley Honaker

August 27, 1932 - May 16, 2020

Hobart McKinley Honaker, age 87, of Whitewood, Virginia, drew his last breath on this earth on Saturday, May 16, 2020 at his home following a lengthy illness.

He was born August 27, 1932 and was the son of the late William Arthur Honaker and Lena Jane Blankenship Honaker. He was a graduate of Whitewood High School and was a United States Air Force Korean War Veteran. Hobart worked for Norfolk-Western Railroad before becoming the Representative for the Compact UMWA. He also worked as the Legislative Aide for his good friends Delegate Jackie Stump, U.S. Representative Rick Boucher, and U.S. Senator John Warner. While working in Richmond, he was well known for taking a break everyday to walk his little canine companion, Benji. Hobart loved spending time with his family and church family. He devotedly read three newspapers a day, front to back. He loved bass fishing and was a proud Atlanta Braves fan. Hobart was a former member of the VFW Post #7360 Grundy, Virginia; Richlands Masonic Lodge #318 AF&AM; and was the overseer of area UMWA Locals. He was a lifetime resident of the area and is the last surviving member of his immediate family.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his first wife, Inez Matney Honaker; two sisters; five brothers; mother in law, Ocie Horn Davis Stacey; sister in law, Shirley Sturgill; and his canine companion, Benji.

Those that remain to carry on his spirit are his:

Loving wife, Syvilla Davis Honaker of Whitewood, VA

Sons:

Danny Honaker and wife, Ann of Richlands, VA

Donnie Honaker and wife, Misti of Abingdon, VA

Stepdaughter, Melanie McMillen and husband, Randy of Morgantown, WV

Special Niece, Jeanita Large and husband, Shannon of Kingsport, TN

Grandchildren: Meghan Dejong and Grayson McKinley Honaker

Step Grandchild: Mac McMillen

Great Grandchild: Ellie Taplin

Brothers-in-law: Ralph and Betty Davis of Kissimmee, FL and Dentis Sturgill of KY

A host of nieces, nephews and friends also survive.

Funeral services for Hobart M. Honaker will be conducted at 11:00 am on Tuesday, May 19, 2020 at the Hurst-Scott Funeral Chapel in Richlands, Virginia with the Elder's Travis Davis and Danny Davis officiating.

Entombment will follow at Greenhills Memory Gardens Mausoleum in Claypool Hill, Virginia. Pallbearers will be friends and family. Honorary Pallbearers will be: Joe Altizer, Alan Honaker, Danny Yates, and Shannon Large. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to: Bee Branch Primitive Baptist Church, c/o of Gail Asbury, 143 Acre Lane, Cedar Bluff, VA 24609 or

to the Pancreatic Cancer Association. The family request that protective masks be worn if you plan on attending the funeral. Hurst-Scott Funeral Home in Richlands, Virginia is in charge of arrangements and those wishing to express sympathy online may do so at [www.hurstscottfuneralhomes.com](http://www.hurstscottfuneralhomes.com)

# Cemetery Details

## Greenhills Memory Gardens

11800 Gov G.C. Peery Hwy  
Cedar Bluff, VA 24609

# Previous Events

## Funeral Service

MAY **19**. 11:00 AM (ET)

Hurst-Scott Funeral Home  
1401 2nd Street  
Richlands, VA 24641  
<http://www.hurstscottfuneralhomes.com>

# Tribute Wall



“ *Hobart McKinley Honaker*

January 14, 2023 at 04:24 PM



“ *Hobart McKinley Honaker*

January 14, 2023 at 02:26 PM



“ *Our love and prayers for Syvilla and family. Butch and Dee Bivens*

**Dee Bivens** - May 19, 2020 at 03:46 PM



“ *Hobart was a great Virginian. It was my honor to work with him on many efforts to make our Commonwealth a better place for all our citizens, especially those who worked hard, raised their families and were so often and so easily neglected in the chambers of government. He had an uncommon compassion for the common man and woman, realizing with great clarity that they needed to be heard and remembered as the most important "special interest group." His cause was noble and difficult, but he always gave it his all. And because of Hobart, Virginia is a better place today.*

*My thanks and deepest sympathy go to his family.*

*Bernie Henderson  
Richmond, Virginia*

**Bernie Henderson** - May 19, 2020 at 02:05 PM

EH

“ *EVELYN HESS lit a candle in memory of Hobart McKinley Honaker*



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**EVELYN HESS** - May 19, 2020 at 08:11 AM

EH

“ *Danny, Ann & Grayson,  
So very sorry for your loss. May God comfort you at this time.*

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**EVELYN HESS** - May 19, 2020 at 08:10 AM

JW

“ *Judy West lit a candle in memory of Hobart McKinley Honaker*



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**Judy West** - May 18, 2020 at 02:23 PM

DP

*I'm so sorry for your loss!!! Prayers for you and your family.*

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**Drema Patton** - May 19, 2020 at 02:21 PM

JL

“ *Joyce Leach lit a candle in memory of Hobart McKinley Honaker*



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**Joyce Leach** - May 18, 2020 at 01:40 PM

JL

“ Joyce Leach lit a candle in memory of Hobart McKinley Honaker



Joyce Leach - May 18, 2020 at 01:30 PM

AD

“ I will always remember Brother Hobart's face when he came up out of the water at his baptism. He looked so happy and peaceful and often in church services I would see that same expression. He is now at rest, but our prayers will now be for his sweet wife, and my niece, Syvilla, who has been through so much; first with her mother's passing and now her husband. In both cases Syvilla was a caring and devoted provider of care for them both. Such devotion and caring is hard to find in today's hectic world, but Syvilla never hesitated; she gave her all even though she has serious health problems herself. God Bless you my church sister and my niece. I love you. Aunt Adda Leah

Adda Leah Davis - May 18, 2020 at 11:06 AM



“ TonyanEdgar Wicks lit a candle in memory of Hobart McKinley Honaker



TonyanEdgar Wicks - May 18, 2020 at 08:59 AM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Hobart McKinley Honaker.*



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May 18, 2020 at 08:25 AM

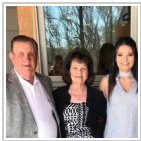


“ *So sorry for your loss*



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**Karen & Ed lester** - May 18, 2020 at 08:13 AM



“ *SORRY FOR YOUR LOSS HOBERT WAS A GREAT MAN AN A DEAR FRIEND OUR PRAYERS GO OUT TO YOU ALL GOD BLESS*



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**Jason Joyce Short Sr.** - May 18, 2020 at 08:11 AM



“ *So sorry to hear.of Hobarts passing,some people you just never forget and he was one of those people,he was such a friendly mischievous man,an avid supporter of our sport teams when we were in school at WHS .Danny and Donnie and your families.My deepest condolences!*



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**Tammy Hackworth** - May 18, 2020 at 06:47 AM

JK

“ Hey Donnie sorry to hear about Hobert



Jerry Keene - May 18, 2020 at 06:32 AM

DW

“ Donald Wallace lit a candle in memory of  
Hobart McKinley Honaker



Donald Wallace - May 17, 2020 at 11:29 PM

CK

“ Hobart had the most handsome smile, (if his eye twinkled you knew he was being sneaky lol) he was a loving man with great pride in everything, family, his appearance, his country and fellow man. I am grateful to have had Hobart in my life. He had a desire to leave the world better than when he came, and even amongst this pandemic, he succeeded. He will be greatly missed.

Crystal Hirn Keen - May 17, 2020 at 10:57 PM

LN

“ Leroy Nelson lit a candle in memory of Hobart  
McKinley Honaker



Leroy Nelson - May 17, 2020 at 09:18 PM

BC

“ *Danny and Donny I am so sorry for your loss. I haven't seen you guys for over 50 years But I know the loss of a parent is never easy. Prayers for your families.*



**Betty Underwood Craig** - May 17, 2020 at 08:33 PM

OT

“ *So sorry for your loss prayers.*



**Ott and Faye Trent** - May 17, 2020 at 07:09 PM

SL

“ *So sorry for your loss. Hobart was a good person with a good heart. He will be truly missed.*



**Sara Link** - May 17, 2020 at 06:11 PM

BM

“ *Danny and Donnie so sorry for your lose*



**Bobby and Beth Mounts** - May 17, 2020 at 05:47 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Hobart McKinley Honaker.



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May 17, 2020 at 04:06 PM