



## Joseph Darrell Hess

December 21, 1944 - May 26, 2026

Joseph Darrell Hess, age 81, of Swords Creek, VA, passed away on Tuesday, May 26, 2026, at CVMC, surrounded by loved ones. He was the son of the late Whorley and Inez Hess. To know Joe was to love him. He loved his friends and family selflessly and never met a stranger.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a brother, Tommy; and sisters, Patricia and Linda, and his mother-in-law, Martha.

Those left to cherish his memory are:

His loving wife of 62 years, Ruby Hess, son, Scott Hess (Amanda) of Richlands, VA, and daughter, Kristy Hess (Chris) of Swords Creek, VA. Siblings: Jerry and Judy Hess, of Swords Creek, VA, Patty and Albert Vencill, of Cedar Bluff, VA, and Ella Bostic, of Paris, TN. His grandchildren who were his pride and joy, Shannon and Madison (Tyler), great granddaughter, Ellee, and best friend, Jerry Muir. He is also survived by a host of nieces and nephews, with a special niece, Amber (Kevin).

Special thanks to the staff at Clinch Valley Medical Center ICU and his friends and staff from the pulmonary rehab.

Funeral services for Joseph Darrell Hess will be conducted on Friday, May 29,

2026, at 1:00 pm at the Hurst-Scott Funeral home in Richlands, Virginia, with the Rev. Lawrence Cantrell and good friend, Ralph Perkins, officiating. Burial will follow at Clinch Valley Cemetery in Richlands, VA. Family and friends will serve as pallbearers, with honorary pallbearers being his poker buddies that he loved like brothers. Friends may visit with the family from 12 pm until 1 pm on Friday, prior to the funeral.

Hurst-Scott Funeral Home 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

## Clinch Valley Memorial Cemetery

3201 West Front Street/US 460  
Richlands, VA 24641

# Previous Events

## Visitation

**MAY 29.** 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (ET)

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

## Funeral Service

**MAY 29.** 1:00 PM (ET)

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

# Tribute Wall

TA

“ *Tammy lit a candle in memory of Joseph Hess*



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**Tammy** - June 09 at 07:31 PM

BH

*I just saw this obituary! Daughter- In -Law of James Floyd Hale!* 🙏

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**Brenda Hale** - June 14 at 03:19 PM

CR

“ *Chris Ryan lit a candle in memory of Joseph Hess*



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**Chris Ryan** - May 29 at 09:27 PM

BS

“ *Betty Shelton lit a candle in memory of Joseph Hess*



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**Betty Shelton** - May 28 at 08:48 PM

SF

“ Sue Hale & family sent a virtual gift in memory of Joseph Hess



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**Sue Hale & family** - May 28 at 11:41 AM

LN

“ Leroy (Kilroy) & Angie Nelson lit a candle in memory of Joseph Hess



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**Leroy (Kilroy) & Angie Nelson** - May 27 at 10:21 PM

KM

“ Sending Prayers to you and your family



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**Kimberly McMillan** - May 27 at 08:30 PM

SS

“ Sherry Sturges lit a candle in memory of Joseph Hess



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**Sherry Sturges** - May 27 at 08:08 PM

DM

“ Love you Uncle Joe 🥹🙏😊

Donna Bostic Moist - May 27 at 07:13 PM

EM

“ Joe was such a wonderful man and a great neighbor. Whenever or wherever you saw him he was always the same, smiling and he brightened your day. He loved his family with all his heart. My favorite memories of him are the days when we all were gathered at the bus stop. He would always be there in his truck reading or talking with Doug. We passed those days just talking about our neighbors and families. He could make anyone laugh. When Madison would come off that bus they both lit up when their eyes met and she would bounce to her papaw's truck. The love they shared plain on their faces.

E Messer - May 27 at 07:13 PM

KM

“ Kathy Wicks Miller lit a candle in memory of Joseph Hess



Kathy Wicks Miller - May 27 at 06:28 PM

TA

“ Tammy lit a candle in memory of Joseph Hess



Tammy - May 27 at 05:49 PM