



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

Cemetery Details

Clinch Valley Memorial Cemetery

3201 West Front Street/US 460
Richlands, VA 24641

Upcoming 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)

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