



Ralph Edward Holmes

March 7, 1940 - October 16, 2025

With the most profound regret and sorrow, the family of Ralph Edward Holmes announces his passing on Thursday, October 16, 2025, at a local Tazewell hospital.

Ralph was born in Tannersville, Virginia, on March 7, 1940, and had resided in the County all of his 85 years in the surrounding area. He was the son of the late George Edward Holmes and Virginia Taylor Holmes. He was well known for picking at you and smiling because he could get a reaction from you.

Ralph adored children and loved to make them smile. He had a passion for tinkering with cars and tractors, and most machinery. Mr. Sprakers offered him a job at the NAPA Auto Store in Tazewell, and he was in heaven working with auto parts. He so loved his job that many years later, he and his brother purchased the store, and after 43 years, he finally retired. He was once a NASCAR fan until Dale Earnhardt was killed, and he was such a dedicated fan that he would no longer watch the races. In his spare time, he enjoyed gardening and going to the flea markets and livestock markets.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his sister, Betty Hall, and his brothers Marvin Holmes and Andrew Starritt Holmes.

He is survived by his

Loving wife, Barbara Brookes Holmes of Tazewell, VA

Children:

Edward Carl Holmes of Saltville, VA

Angela Dawn Squires and her husband, Frank, of Chilhowie, VA

Sisters, Patricia Kestner and her husband, Melvin, of Saltville, VA
Lois Brickey of Marion, VA

Brothers, Kyle Holmes and his wife, Judy, of Rich Valley, VA
Bill Holmes and his wife, Nancy, of Tannersville, VA

Grandchildren, Francisco Rodriguez, Cheyenne Pew
Great-grandchild, Adara Dawn

Several nieces, nephews, great nieces, and great nephews also survive,
along with a host of family and friends.

The committal service for Ralph Holmes will be at 12:00 on Tuesday, October 21, 2025, at the Grandview Memory Gardens Mausoleum in Bluefield, Virginia, with Pastor Leon O'Quinn officiating. Interment will follow at the cemetery, and friends and family will serve as pallbearers.

Hurst-Scott Funeral Home in Tazewell, Virginia, oversees arrangements, and those wishing to express sympathy online may do so at www.hurstscottfuneralhomes.com

Cemetery Details

Grandview Memory Gardens

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

Previous Events

Committal Service

OCT **21**. 12:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ We are so sorry to hear of Ralph’s passing. Our thoughts and prayers are with his family and friends during this difficult time. The obituary is correct when telling of his love and experience with/for vehicles. It’s not often that we find a person that truly knows so much about vehicles, well, Ralph did and a lot of it was from his personal experiences.
Ralph will be missed so much!

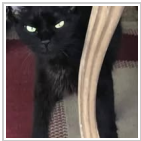
Melvin & Ruth Penland - October 18, 2025 at 01:07 PM



“ TonyanEdgar Wicks lit a candle in memory of Ralph Holmes



TonyanEdgar Wicks - October 18, 2025 at 10:55 AM



“ Davie Horton lit a candle in memory of Ralph Holmes



Davie Horton - October 18, 2025 at 04:56 AM