



## William "Bill" Ralph Nearhood, II

December 25, 1940 - December 3, 2023

William Ralph "Bill" Nearhood, II, of Cedar Bluff, VA, was born December 25, 1940 in Cedar Bluff, VA and was the son of the late Bernard P. Nearhood and Beulah F. Fuller Nearhood. He passed away Sunday, December 3, 2023 following a lengthy illness.

He worked at B and J Sheet Metal most of his life and was an avid fisherman and hunter. He served his country in the U.S. Army from June 12, 1958 to June 14, 1961. Bill was a Deacon at Covenant Presbyterian Church at Claypool Hill, Virginia. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his beloved wife, Wanda Lee McGuire Nearhood; brother, Tom Nearhood; granddaughter, Blair Deskins and grandson, Adam Taylor.

He is survived by:

His Son, William Ralph Nearhood, III and wife, Barb of Cedar Bluff, VA

Grandson, William "Brad" Taylor

Great Granddaughter, Amber Nicole Taylor

Niece and nephews, Bernetta Coons, Will Nearhood and Ben Nearhood

A host of family and friends also survive.

Funeral services for William Ralph "Bill" Nearhood, II will be conducted at 11:00 am on Thursday, December 7, 2023 at the Covenant Presbyterian Church in Claypool Hill, VA with Pastor Dan Hankins officiating. Interment will follow at Clinch Valley Memorial Cemetery in Richlands, VA. Pallbearers will be Brad Taylor, John Paul Hankins, Billy Vaden, Caleb Vaden, John Debord and Dan Yates. Honorary pallbearers will be the Deacons of Covenant Presbyterian Church. Visitation will be from 10-11 am on Thursday morning at the church. Members of the Casey-Shortt VFW Post #9640 will conduct military rites. Hurst-Scott Funeral Home in Richlands 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

DEC 7. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Covenant Presbyterian Church  
235 Mall Church Road  
Cedar Bluff, VA 24609

## Funeral Service

DEC 7. 11:00 AM (ET)

Covenant Presbyterian Church  
235 Mall Church Road  
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# Tribute Wall

DS

“ We were saddened to hear of the passing of Bill and wish to share our condolences with Ralph, Barbara and the Nearhood family. We moved to Cedar Bluff in 1968 and Bill, Wanda and Ralph were one of the first families we met at Cedar Bluff Presbyterian Church. The Nearhood family befriended us (strangers to the area) immediately and we served with them at Covenant Presbyterian for a number of years before leaving the area. Bill and his family were faithful servants of Christ at Covenant and we have remained friends over the years visiting with them when we were back in the area. Bill was always a kind, quiet and devoted friend and he will surely be missed. May God comfort his family as they deal with his loss and go through the healing process.

*Darrel and Lucille Stilwell and Family  
Mechanicsville, VA*

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**Darrel and Lucille Stilwell** - December 08, 2023 at 12:06 PM

JN

“ My condolences to you and Barbara. Bill was the kindest man and a wonderful servant of God. Keeping you all in my prayers during this difficult time and loss. Be well and know you did good Ralph!

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**Jerleen Nearhood** - December 07, 2023 at 05:55 PM

BE

“ I’m so sorry to hear of Bill’s passing. He was a very good man, and I have wonderful memories from my childhood and as a young adult.

*Prayers for Ralph and Barb and family.*

*Bryan Edwards*



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**Bryan Edwards** - December 07, 2023 at 08:06 AM

AM

“ *My sincerest condolences and sympathy.*



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**Anita McGlothlin-Gibson** - December 06, 2023 at 08:21 AM

CL

“ *Charlie Donna Little lit a candle in memory of William "Bill" Nearhood,*



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**Charlie and Donna Little** - December 05, 2023 at 11:34 PM

RF

“ *Rick Ferrell lit a candle in memory of William "Bill" Nearhood,*



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**Rick Ferrell** - December 05, 2023 at 06:56 PM



“ *TonyanEdgar Wicks lit a candle in memory of William "Bill" Nearhood,*



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**TonyanEdgar Wicks** - December 05, 2023 at 05:26 PM

SL

“ *Ralph and Barb, We are so sorry for your loss. Prayers for now and the days to come.*



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**Sammi Henderson Lambert** - December 05, 2023 at 06:17 AM

JF

“ *Joy Fields lit a candle in memory of William "Bill" Nearhood,*



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**Joy Fields** - December 05, 2023 at 05:36 AM



“ *Ralph & Barb, I am so sorry for your loss. Keeping you in my thoughts and prayers.*

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**Carolyn Pyles** - December 04, 2023 at 11:08 PM

CV

“ Charlotte Vencille lit a candle in memory of William "Bill" Nearhood,



Charlotte Vencille - December 04, 2023 at 10:52 PM

EL

“ Bill was the best, most loyal friend our family my family could have ever had. Mom and Daddy were so grateful when he would come out on a weekend and fix their furnace. When Daddy got so he could not walk with a heavy cane, Bill welded a device on the side of his riding lawn mower for his cane. Meant so much to Daddy. The whole family loved the bags of homegrown grapes and rhubarb the Nearhoods shared with us many times. My heart aches for all his loved ones. Sure will miss this good man. Evelyn and Harry Looney

Evelyn (Myer) Allison- Looney - December 04, 2023 at 08:28 PM

SL

“ Ralph,  
I am so sorry to hear of your dads passing.  
Too much to have to deal with in such a short period of time. My prayers are with you. I can imagine the reunion in Heaven! Peace and comfort.  
Sharon Lowe



Sharon Lowe - December 04, 2023 at 07:12 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of William "Bill" Ralph Nearhood, II.*



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December 04, 2023 at 06:15 PM



“ *Ralph, so sorry to hear of the loss of your Dad. Prayers for peace to your family*

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**Marilyn Altizer's** - December 04, 2023 at 06:12 PM



“ *Bill Vicki Nuckels lit a candle in memory of William "Bill" Nearhood,*



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**Bill & Vicki Nuckels** - December 04, 2023 at 05:14 PM



“ *Remembering the Nearhoods and McGuires as wonderful friends and neighbors. Prayers of comfort and peace for the family! (Martha Hankins Worsham)*

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**Martha H. Worsham** - December 04, 2023 at 04:30 PM