



Bobby Ray Kessinger

December 26, 2024

Bobby Ray Kessinger, age 87 of Newport, VA passed away peacefully at his home December 26, 2024, after battling cancer for over three years.

He was born June 9, 1937, to the late Robert Ray and Mary Helen Meredith Kessinger. Bobby was preceded in death by older brother, Jimmy Kessinger and two infant sisters.

Left to cherish his memory are his loving wife of 63 years, Carolyn McCoy Kessinger; daughters Kimberley (Bobby) Farmer of Newport, VA; Clara (Craig) Whittaker of Whitegate, VA; Deidra (Rick) Farrell of Newport, VA; grandchildren Susanne Koontz (Bud), Amelia Phillips (Matt), Luke Whittaker, Dayde Farrell (Destiny), Coltan Ray Farrell, Quintan Farrell, and Levi Farrell; one great grandson, Abraham, due to arrive in May, 2025; brother, Darrell (Joyce) Kessinger; and many nieces and nephews.

Bobby was born, raised, and lived his life on Spruce Run which he frequently referred to as "The heart of the universe". Before he graduated from Newport High School in 1954, he had already learned the value of hard work at a young age on the family farm. He carried this work ethic into various trade jobs before pursuing his professional career as a hardware sales representative throughout Southwest Virginia. He began his career at Graves-Humphreys and retired from Moore-Handley. During his long career he made many life-long friends.

An avid sportsman, he loved playing baseball, softball, basketball, and continued playing golf even during his illness. "The Mule" was a charter

member of Castle Rock Golf Course where he formed friendships with people of all ages and will be remembered for his sense of humor and friendly spirit. Bobby loved spending time with his family and particularly enjoyed the week spent at Little Meadows each summer. He was a member of both Little Meadows Hunt Club and Spruce Run Sportsmen's Club.

Good Samaritan Hospice was an invaluable help and blessing to the family during the final weeks of his life and we thank each person who came into our home. We greatly appreciated the smiles, encouragement, support, and amazing care given to him.

He worshiped at Castle Rock Baptist Church in Pembroke, VA and loved God. Bobby supported many charities and in lieu of flowers the family requests you donate to a charity of your choice in his memory.

Funeral will be held Monday, December 30, at McCoy Funeral home in Blacksburg, VA. Visitation from 10 to 11 with service to follow immediately after.

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC **30**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

McCoy Funeral Home
150 Country Club Dr. S.W.
Blacksburg, VA 24060
(540) 552-3211
mccoyfuneralhome@verizon.net
<https://mccoyfuneralhome.com>

Funeral

DEC **30**. 11:00 AM (ET)

McCoy Funeral Home Chapel
150 Country Club Dr S.W.
Blacksburg, VA 24060

Tribute Wall

MB

“ Carolyn, girls and all of the Family: We are so very sorry to hear about Bobby. Our brother had many good times with Bobby's friendship. They would have never imagined that they both would be gone in just a year about. Our thoughts and prayers are with you today and the days ahead. Bobby was a good man. God Be with You. ~David Snidow Family

Meredith Barbara - December 29, 2024 at 10:09 PM

SF

“ Scott and Tammie Glascoe and family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Bobby Ray Kessinger.

Scott and Tammie Glascoe and family - December 29, 2024 at 05:12 PM

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“ Scott and Tammie Glascoe and family purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Bobby Ray Kessinger.



Scott and Tammie Glascoe and family - December 29, 2024 at 05:12 PM

CB

“ Castle Rock Golf Buddies purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Bobby Ray Kessinger.



Castle Rock Golf Buddies - December 29, 2024 at 02:45 PM

TM

“ The McCoy's purchased the Basket Full of Wishes for the family of Bobby Ray Kessinger.



The McCoy's - December 28, 2024 at 12:50 PM

MW

“ Martha and Mark Williams planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Bobby Ray Kessinger.

Martha and Mark Williams - December 28, 2024 at 10:49 AM

MW

“ Martha and Mark Williams purchased the Large Basket Garden for the family of Bobby Ray Kessinger.



Martha and Mark Williams - December 28, 2024 at 10:49 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Bobby Ray Kessinger.

December 28, 2024 at 09:18 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Bobby Ray Kessinger.



December 28, 2024 at 09:18 AM



“ Marie B Frazier lit a candle in memory of Bobby Ray Kessinger



Marie B Frazier - December 28, 2024 at 12:09 AM



“ Mrs Deidre I am so very sorry for the loss of your father You are in my prayers and your whole family I pray that God will help you through this hard time for your family 🙏🙏🙏🙏🙏🙏🙏🙏🙏🙏🙏🙏🙏🙏🙏🙏🙏🙏
🙏🙏🙏🙏🙏 I will be praying for everyone of you love y'all very much

Marie B Frazi - December 28, 2024 at 12:03 AM



“ I knew Bobby when I worked at Reed lumber co. he was always a pleasure to be around. My prayers are with the family

Eddie Wimmer - December 27, 2024 at 09:01 PM