



Frank Ruffy Moseley

June 16, 1947 - November 16, 2021

On the evening of November 16th, 2021, Frank (Ruffy) Moseley passed away in Blacksburg, Virginia with his family by his side.

Frank was born in Lexington, Kentucky, but called Blacksburg, Virginia home since the age of three when his father was recruited as head football coach for Virginia Tech. He attended Lenoir-Rhyne College in Hickory, North Carolina for his bachelor's degree and Radford University for his master's degree. He was a dedicated public school history teacher in the Montgomery County Public School system for 32 years. His life-long interest in history made him a deeply knowledgeable, devoted and passionate living historian.

Frank is preceded in death by his parents, Frank O. and Edythe Moseley. He is survived by his wife of 48 years, Nancy H. (Lea) Moseley, his daughters Nancy and Virginia Moseley, his sister, Alene Danby, his niece Tracy Williams, his nephew, Michael Goodwin and his grandsons, James and Carson Higham.

A celebration of Life service will be held on Saturday, December 4, 2021 at 2:00 p.m. at Christiansburg Church of the Brethren with Pastor Paul Stover officiating. The family will receive friends from 1-2 p.m. prior to the service at the church.

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 4. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Christiansburg Church of the Brethren
310 S. Franklin Street
Christiansburg, VA 24073

Celebration of Life

DEC 4. 2:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Basket of Memories was purchased for the family of Frank Ruffy Moseley.* ”



December 01, 2021 at 10:04 AM



“ *Large Basket Garden was purchased for the family of Frank Ruffy Moseley.* ”



November 29, 2021 at 11:13 AM



“ *Mr. Moseley was the teacher that everyone wanted on their class schedule. I wasn't lucky enough to get into one of them, but all of my classmates who did had great stories that made his class sound so special.* ”

M Berg - November 25, 2021 at 11:00 AM



“ *I will always have very fond memories of my Uncle Ruff. His gentle humor and smiles always brought joy to our hearts. He could fill a room with laughter. He was a great man.* ”

Michael Goodwin - November 25, 2021 at 10:56 AM



“ *Magnificent Life Spray was purchased for the family of Frank Ruffy Moseley.*



November 23, 2021 at 07:39 PM



“ *To Lea, Nancy, and Virginia,*

*My prayer for comfort and peace is with each of you;
Often Ruffy and I discussed memories of Lenior Rhyne College.
Truly Ruffy's personality was amazingly positive that gifted so many.
We are blessed to have Ruffy as a friend!
With caring thoughts,
Susan Simmons*

Susan Simmons - November 22, 2021 at 09:43 AM

RL

“ Dear Lea and family,
I was shocked to hear of Frank's illness and passing. You are in our prayers. I count it a great privilege to have known Frank for many years as a fellow reenactor and mentor and friend. I have so many wonderful memories of our times together. Indeed, Frank was the heart and soul of our regiment. My son Joshua and I loved and enjoyed Frank, and we owe a debt of gratitude to him as he welcomed us into the unit many years ago. Frank really worked hard to make our unit one of the best in the hobby. So many fond memories... I look forward to "When the roll is called up yonder", and we will all be there.
Grace and peace to you Lea , Virginia , Nancy and family.
Sincerely,
Rick and Carol Lindamood

Rick and Carol Lindamood - November 20, 2021 at 06:02 PM

BB

“ So sorry to hear of Frank Moseley's passing. I am a Revolutionary War and Civil War reenactor who served with Frank in the 6th North Carolina, Continental Line and in more recently at Civil War events. Frank was a great guy and we would always ask him for his stories while participating in the movie Gettysburg.
"Let us cross over the river and rest under the shade of the trees".

My condolences to his family.

Brett Bondurant

Brett Bondurant - November 20, 2021 at 10:56 AM

GD

“ My favorite teacher by far..Mr Mosley loved anything historical..him and me went metal detector hunting many times on Brush Mountain..he would bring his 22 pistol and we would shoot numerous rounds.Last time I talked to him I gave him information about a precival war mansion being restored in Wythe county and he was so excited about having permission to go explore it..he was a great man..gonna miss him❤️

Garry Davis - November 19, 2021 at 10:36 PM

GB

“ I so enjoyed having Mr. Moseley as my history teacher in both 7th and 11th grades. I credit him with my love of history. In his class, history was not dry facts, but a fascinating story. He knew so much more history than the textbook covered. It was great fun to ask him a question and then see where it would lead. I also remember the year BHS flooded and the main building was closed. I had a class downstairs in the auditorium that did not hold my interest. Meanwhile, Mr. Moseley was conducting a history class in the balcony that I found quite interesting. He was a great teacher. I am so sorry for your loss.

Sincerely

Ginger McElfresh Barr

Ginger McElfresh Barr - November 19, 2021 at 10:24 PM

JS

“ So sorry to hear this. Ruffy was a teaching teammate for many years at Blacksburg Middle School. I always marveled at his knowledge and love of history and the way he made it come alive for his students. I will miss my friend. Our sincere condolences go out to Lea and his daughters Nancy and Virginia.

Jim Shockley - November 19, 2021 at 10:16 PM

BL

“ Thinking of all of you during this extremely sad and difficult time!!!
Know the days ahead will be very different, as well as difficult!!!
Rest assured, your family is, and will continue to be, in both my
thoughts and prayers❤️

Betty Ashbrook Lambert - November 19, 2021 at 08:04 PM



“ Please accept my sincere condolences for the loss of your loved
one.

BHS Class 1989

Kim Linkous Woolwine

K - November 19, 2021 at 03:21 PM

CE

“ Lea, Nancy and precious Virginia. I am so sorry to hear of the
passing of Ruffy. What a legacy that he has left you and the
community. I send my sincere condolences to each of you. You will
each be in my thoughts and prayers. May God comfort each of you
during this very difficult time. God Bless each of you. Much love.

Charlotte Epperley - November 19, 2021 at 01:59 PM

NR

*To all of the family, so very sorry to hear of Rudy's death. It was a
shock to us all. Prayers are for all of you at this sad time in your life.
May you feel God's arms wrapped around you and the strength you will
need. Love to all of you , again so very sorry. Love ❤️ Nancy and Ray
Reneau*

Nancy and Ray Reneau - November 19, 2021 at 07:38 PM

HS

Lea, Nancy and compatriots, Frank was a great soldier and friend and patriot. He served with honor for over 50 years in the 6th N.C.S.T, Mecklenburg Militia and 6th Reg't. N.C. Continental Line. We will miss the times spent around camp fires and just talking. Frank will live long in our hearts and in the lives of the scholars he inspired. We re all extremely lucky to have know him.

Harry Simmons, N.C.H.R.S, 6th NC

Harry Simmons - November 20, 2021 at 01:39 PM

CY

I second Ginger McElfresh's comment about Mr. Moseley's class getting me so interested in history that it became my favorite subject in high school. For me, it went beyond that: In my senior year, he got me interested in Civil War and Rev War re-enacting and living history. And for this, the lessons continued as I saw things his way about history.

"You learn more about history living and breathing in it than you ever would seeing artifacts behind a glass case in a museum or sitting in a classroom," he often said. He and I travelled to many climes, from Natchez, Mississippi to Eversham, NJ re-living important events in American history to onlookers and on camera, who appreciated the fact that there was a cadre of men and women out there educating the public this way.

In Civil War, I followed him into the 6th NC, then the 11th NC, then the 3rd NC and the 24th Va. In Rev War he tried to recruit me into the 6th but the British got a hold of me first and I went with the 23rd Foote of Fusiliers (the RWF). Nevertheless we travelled to Rev War events together though we were on opposite sides of the battlefield.

Today, I learned for the first time that my teacher and longtime friend, Ruffy (as he was known to us who served with him) had passed away nearly a week by now. In the last six or seven years I have not practiced living history and lost touch with him and many of my friends I met through the hobby.

I always thought I could go back and see him and get an update from him about things going on in the re-enacting community. I am feeling some remorse about not coming to see him before then. My condolences to all friends and family who are crushed by his loss, I am one of a you.

Charles Young - November 24, 2021 at 11:00 AM