



Frederick "Fred" Thomas Linkous

December 5, 2025

Frederick "Fred" Thomas Linkous, 84, of Blacksburg, Virginia passed away at home on Friday December 5th, 2025. Fred was a loving husband of 64 years to Garnett.

Fred was a lifetime public servant and never met a stranger. He was a retired Virginia Tech Police Officer, Life member of Blacksburg Rescue Squad and Life member and past chief of Blacksburg Fire Department where he served for 54 years. He gave his time to the Executive Committee of the Virginia State Fire Chiefs Association and the Southwest Virginia Firefighters Association. He was active in the firehouse culture encouraging young firefighters and inspiring others until his passing. He was an active member of The Church on Main where he had been part of the church family for over twenty years. He knew everyone when he went out and would never forget a face.

He is survived by his wife Garnett Linkous, daughter Pam Linkous-Polan (Greg), Granddaughters Emily Polan-Harper (Andrew) and Sarah Polan and sister Betty Belle Coleman. He was preceded in death by his son Michael Linkous.

He leaves behind a legacy of giving, training, education and a love of his community that will last forever.

Visitation will be Wednesday December 10, 2025, at 1pm followed by the service at 2pm at McCoy Funeral Home, Blacksburg with Rev. Dr. Tommy McDearis officiating. Interment will follow at Westview Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers donations can be made to Church on Main, 550 N Main St, Blacksburg, VA 24060, or Blacksburg Volunteer Fire Department, PO Box 159, Blacksburg, VA 24063.

Cemetery Details

Westview Cemetery

723 E. Roanoke Street
Blacksburg, VA

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 10. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

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

Funeral Service

DEC 10. 2:00 PM (ET)

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

Tribute Wall



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of Frederick "Fred" Thomas Linkous.



December 16, 2025 at 11:39 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet* was purchased for the family of Frederick "Fred" Thomas Linkous.



December 12, 2025 at 08:15 PM



“ *Garnet and Family, So sorry to hear of Fred's passing. He was a good man with a servant's heart. My prayer is for peace and comfort for each of you!*

Donna Keffer - December 12, 2025 at 10:04 AM



“ *Mike & Lisa Porterfield purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Frederick "Fred" Thomas Linkous.*



Mike & Lisa Porterfield - December 10, 2025 at 12:22 AM



“ *Forever Our Angel Bouquet was purchased for the family of Frederick "Fred" Thomas Linkous.*



December 09, 2025 at 02:59 PM



“ *Bob and Sherry planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Frederick "Fred" Thomas Linkous.*

Bob and Sherry - December 09, 2025 at 02:59 PM



“ *Love, Betty Belle and Family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Frederick "Fred" Thomas Linkous.*



Love, Betty Belle and Family - December 09, 2025 at 08:51 AM



“ *Love, Betty Belle and Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Frederick "Fred" Thomas Linkous.*

Love, Betty Belle and Family - December 09, 2025 at 08:51 AM



“ *I want to say how sorry we were to hear of Freddie's" passing. OUR thoughts and prayers are with you all.*

Janet C. Crittenden - December 08, 2025 at 11:19 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Frederick "Fred" Thomas Linkous.*



December 08, 2025 at 10:00 AM



“ *Mark and Joann Craig planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Frederick "Fred" Thomas Linkous.*

Mark and Joann Craig - December 08, 2025 at 10:00 AM



“ *David & Cody purchased the Forever Our Angel Bouquet for the family of Frederick "Fred" Thomas Linkous.*



David & Cody - December 07, 2025 at 08:18 PM



“ *David & Cody planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Frederick "Fred" Thomas Linkous.*

David & Cody - December 07, 2025 at 08:18 PM

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“ As an undergraduate and graduate student at VT, I ran with Fred and Jim Woods at the crack of dawn at the Cardiac Rehab/Intervention program. I have many fond memories of running with them over the years. Fred, you will be greatly missed! Kathleen

Kathleen Poole - December 07, 2025 at 06:19 PM

JC

“ John & Tracy Cromer purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Frederick "Fred" Thomas Linkous.



John & Tracy Cromer - December 07, 2025 at 03:06 PM

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John & Tracy Cromer - December 07, 2025 at 03:06 PM