



Garland Lee Linkous Jr.

May 29, 1945 - October 10, 2023

Garland Lee Linkous, Jr., age 78, of Christiansburg died Tuesday, October 10, 2023. He was born in Baltimore, MD on May 29, 1945, to the late Garland Lee, Sr. and Ida Allene Shepherd Linkous. He was a member of Calvary United Methodist Church. Garland was a veteran of the U.S. Navy for 6 years and the National Guard 29th Division Band for 23 years, he achieved the rank of E7 Sgt 1st class. He was a life member of the VFW, American Legion, and DAV. He was a life member of the Christiansburg Rescue Squad.

He was a marriage commissioner having held hundreds of weddings. Garland owned and operated EZ Method Driving School and certified hundreds of students for driving permits and motorcycle safety. He also ran the Trailways bus station and Nancy's Travel and Tours. He was also a Master Gardener and a sous-chef at Virginia Tech and Mountain Lake. He was a master musician and could play any brass instrument, trumpet, strings, mandolin, harpsichord, and guitar. Garland filled in as a Pastor of Mt. Elbert United Methodist Church, Floyd Va. He operated the Christmas Kitchen for at least 10 years. He was a member of the Fraternal Order of Police.

He is survived by his wife of 45 years, Nancy Richardson Linkous; a daughter, Leeann; a son, Chris; brothers and sisters-in-law, Raymond Linkous, and Ernest (Kathy) Linkous; brothers-in-law, Bill (Sandra) Richardson, and George (Rocine) Richardson; and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be conducted Monday, October 16, 2023, at 11:00 AM in the McCoy Funeral Home Chapel with Pastor Sebert Rorrer and Pastor Mike Neuse officiating. The family will receive friends from 10-11:00 AM Monday morning before the service at McCoy Funeral Home, 150 Country Club Dr. SW., Blacksburg VA. Burial will be held Monday following the services at 1:00 pm in the Southwest Virginia Veterans Cemetery, Dublin. In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made to the Christiansburg Rescue Squad, American Legion Boys State.

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **16**. 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 Service

OCT **16**. 11:00 AM (ET)

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

Burial

OCT **16**. 1:00 PM (ET)

Southwest Virginia Veterans Cemetery
5550 Bagging Plant Rd
Dublin, VA 24084-3490
(540) 674-6893

Tribute Wall



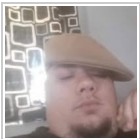
“ I met Garland in 1987 when I was a student at Tech. He drove me every Monday night to drill with the 29th Division Band for the better part of two years and never asked for anything in return. Garland truly loved music and truly loved being around and helping others. I also worked with Nancy as a student worker in the ESM in Norris Hall. What a great lady. Garland, rest easy my friend. Nancy and Family, my condolences.

Jay Simmons - November 03, 2023 at 04:49 AM



“ When I was going ashore from my ship in Trieste, Italy, of all people to be coming down the dock was Garland. We surprised each other. We didn't run into each other for several years when we met again, this time with the National Guard. He was in the band and I was in the motor pool. We saw each other from time to time at drills or at summer camp. I am so sorry to hear of his passing. We were in high school together, Class of 65. Rest in peace my friend. Terry Oliver .

Terry Oliver - October 15, 2023 at 10:24 AM



“ Garland helped pull me from a very dark place by putting me to work and giving me skills to better myself. I will always cherish the close to 7 years we worked together and all the great things he taught me. May those that surpass him remember his legacy and carry on.

Eli Brown - October 13, 2023 at 09:42 AM

SB

“ We shared a birthday. Rest peacefully Zero!

shetidan brown - October 12, 2023 at 05:13 PM

JS

Nancy, children, Raymond, Ernest and family, I'm so sorry to hear about Garland. To loose a husband, dad, sibling is extremely hard. I knew that he had been sick and struggling to get well. May God and Jesus give you comfort now and in the future.

Judy Snider - October 17, 2023 at 06:18 PM

GC

“ Garland and I worked together with the Marching Virginians starting the 2nd year they were in existence. We became good friends, and I remember one evening he stopped by the house with a girl he wanted my wife and I to meet. It was, of course, Nancy. She became fast friends with my wife, and, thus, during the next 6 years we created many good memories. Garland loved life. He was always positive, upbeat, and happy. He was God fearing, idolized his wife, loved his country and always ready to help. He will be sorly missed.

George Council - October 12, 2023 at 03:39 PM

DB

“ I first meet Garland when i started driving a school bus for MCPS. We became good bus driving friends. Garland was always will ing to help any one or if he saw something he could help change for the better he would.
Fly with the Angels Garland



DAVID & KIMBERLY BOHLIN - October 12, 2023 at 12:45 PM

KW

“ Please accept my deepest condolences on the loss of your loved one, he was one of a kind he brought a lot of laughter many a stories of his life, thanks for the memories! He was something else to say the least, you will be missed my friend.

Kim Woolwine - October 12, 2023 at 10:56 AM

TR

“ I feel blessed that Nancy and Garland were part of our family. I didn't know Garland very well, but the time I spent with home I loved listening to his stories about all the things he had done. Nancy you will be in our thoughts and prayers in the up coming days. We love you . Jesse , Tressy and Carol.

Tressy - October 11, 2023 at 10:41 PM

SC

“ I feel very blessed to have spent lots of time with Nancy and Garland over the last several months. Garland was a pleasure to see and talk with. He was always positive despite his health problems and had lots of faith.

Sara Charlton

Sara Charlton - October 11, 2023 at 05:00 PM