



## Gerald W. Duncan

April 4, 1945 - July 10, 2023

Gerald W Duncan wrote the last page in his earthly journal on July 10, 2023, after challenging Alzheimer's and its callousness for three plus years.

Gerald was born April 4, 1945, the only son of the late V. Stanley and Mildred Duncan of Craig County and the younger brother of the late Jane Burner of Staunton.

Gerald received his Bachelor's degree from Virginia Tech and later a Master's of Business Administration from Radford University. He began his career in 1967 as a software developer with RDAISA, Department of the Army. He was the recipient of many awards during his 35 years and was always humbled at being recognized for his services. His second career began in 2000, when he ran and was successfully elected as Treasurer of Giles County. He immediately began designing software to enhance and expedite billing and collection services. His tenacity to make the Giles office the very best it could be was recognized when he was elected Treasurer of the Year for the State of Virginia. He loved serving the people of Giles County, and maintained an open door policy demanding everyone be treated equally and with dignity.

Gerald was an avid hunter, harvesting deer, bear and turkey in Virginia, West Virginia, Florida, South Dakota and Texas. Gerald was elected president of the Virginia State Chapter of the National Wild Turkey Federation for three consecutive terms, promoting conservation of the wild turkey. For his efforts, he was awarded the Roger M. Latham Sportsman's Service Award, which recognizes outstanding contributions by chapter volunteers who donate their personal time, energy and money to conservation and management of the American wild turkey. Only persons making significant contributions to the betterment of the wild turkey are eligible. His proudest accomplishment was being a husband, father, grandfather and great-grandfather.

He is survived by his wife Ruth Duncan of Blacksburg, his oldest son Troy Duncan and wife Heather of New Castle, his youngest son Mark Duncan and wife Eva of Catawba, his only daughter Margee Sisson and husband Dougie of Shawsville. Grandchildren Haley Chandler of Clearfield, Utah, Hagan Chandler and wife Kierston of Riner, Tanner Duncan of Richmond, Andrew Duncan of New Castle, Elijah Duncan of Catawba and Summer Norwood of Shawsville. Great grandson Myles Chandler of Riner and great granddaughter Everly Chandler of Riner.

A man of unwavering determination and kindness, there was not a person or cause he wouldn't help if there was a need and no obstacle he could not or did not overcome.

A celebration of life will be held Friday, July 14 at McCoy Funeral Home, Blacksburg, Virginia. Visitation will be from 3:30 to 5:30, with a memorial service to follow in the McCoy Funeral Home chapel.

A great man is one who leaves others at a loss after he has gone. What a truly remarkable person, husband, father, grandfather and great grandfather.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations can be made to the Alzheimer's Association @ <https://act.alz.org>.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUL 14. 3:30 PM - 5:30 PM (ET)

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

## Celebration of Life

JUL 14. 5:30 PM (ET)

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

# Tribute Wall

RH

“ Gerald and I met in 1967 as co-workers at RDAISA, writing computer programs for the US Army. We soon became friends and shared good times inside and outside that workplace. I fondly remember Gerald taking me Ginseng hunting on the mountainside in Newport. I kept one of those roots in my car glovebox for good luck for 25 years. Like Gerald, it never let me down. Rest in Peace Old Friend.

*Ron Hall*

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Ronald Hall - July 13, 2023 at 06:56 PM

JL

“ Ruth (and family),  
We are not in town and will miss seeing you at the service and paying respects to Gerald.

*We are sorry that Gerald's last few years were so difficult for him and his family. Thinking of you and yours during this sad time.*

*Jim and Gail*

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jim and gail lucas - July 13, 2023 at 06:00 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Gerald W. Duncan.

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July 13, 2023 at 02:08 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Gerald W. Duncan.



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July 13, 2023 at 02:08 PM

PC

“ To Ruth and family,  
On behalf of the Page County Treasurers Office, we extend our sincere condolences on the loss of Gerald. What a fine person he was! When I was a newly elected Treasurer, he was one of the first people to reach out to offer help. There were several times I took him up on his offer, and he always seemed so willing to help. It's so hard to lose those we love. It's harder still when their body is here, but their mind is not. Gerald is at peace now, and I have no doubt that he is in a better place. I hope you have wonderful memories to help you through this difficult time.

Warmest regards,  
Penny R. Gray, Treasurer of Page County

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**Penny R. Gray, Treasurer of Page County** - July 13, 2023 at 01:37 PM



“ Days of Sunshine Bouquet was purchased for the family of Gerald W. Duncan.



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July 13, 2023 at 01:09 PM

KP

“ A very close classmate at Newport High School with many fond memories of our many entertaining & amusing adventures as we grew into adulthood. Gerald will be missed by all. Our deepest condolences to his wife, Ruth, and to his family and many friends.

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**Kendall Pratt** - July 13, 2023 at 12:49 PM



“ Blue Caribbean Bouquet was purchased for the family of Gerald W. Duncan.



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July 13, 2023 at 10:16 AM



“ *Your Light Shines* was purchased for the family of Gerald W. Duncan.



July 13, 2023 at 08:40 AM

WD

“ *To the family of Gerald it was my pleasure to work with such a kind funny and brightful soul. He will be dearly missed by the English meadows family and we will never forget the endless laughs we had with him may his soul rest in peace.* ❤️

wynter donat - July 12, 2023 at 10:39 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray* was purchased for the family of Gerald W. Duncan.



July 12, 2023 at 02:15 PM

RW

“ *To the Family of Gerald Duncan,  
On behalf of the City of Suffolk Treasurer's Office, I want to extend to you our sincerest sympathy on the loss of Gerald. I have the privilege of knowing Gerald for many years. He was a wonderful man who was great to work with. He will be greatly missed by his family, friends and community. May God bless you with peace in knowing he is no longer suffering and comfort from all of the wonderful memories you have of him.*

*Sincerely,*

*Ronald H. Williams, Suffolk City Treasurer and Staff*

Ronald H. Williams - July 12, 2023 at 02:11 PM

BW

“ Gerald was the kindest man and a great leader. I served with him as a fellow Treasurer. I particularly recall serving with him as part of our software users group when he was President of that organization. I remember thinking that "this man really has it together". He presented many ideas to this group that would enhance our software to the betterment of all Treasurers in the state using it. His motto was to work smarter, not harder. Gerald will be missed. Brenda Wood, Treasurer, City of Fredericksburg

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**Brenda Wood** - July 12, 2023 at 12:39 PM