



Lonzie L. "Link" Linkous Sr.

September 20, 1940 - September 21, 2024

Lonzie L. "Link" Linkous, Sr., 84, of Dublin, Va. passed away peacefully surrounded by his loving family at home on Saturday, September 21, 2024. Born the second of five sons on September 20, 1940 to the late Paul V. and Mildred J. Quesenberry Linkous, he spent his youth exploring the mountains, woods and farms around his childhood home in Merrimac. And, with four brothers, he helped create a little mischief along the way.

He would, with no hesitation, say that his family is his greatest life achievement, but he remembered with pride his years playing baseball in the Mt. View League, and he reminisced often about the men who played for Prices Fork. Every now and then he'd dust off an old trophy and recall what each was for- most home runs in a season and MVP to name a couple.

In 1963 he married Wilda May Okes, and they began their life together creating the family that loves and cherishes him.

Having worked for Virginia Tech for many years, he moved his family to Dublin in 1975 to begin work at White Truck Co., later to become Volvo. It was from there he retired in 2002 and began enjoying golf with his brothers and friends and traveling with Wilda- Nashville had been a favorite destination as he loved country music.

As the passage of time made it harder to enjoy his love of golf, he and Wilda went “back to nature” with a new appreciation for the flora and fauna of our beautiful state, and they spent hours on the backroads of Virginia noting the presence of deer, turkey, and even a few bears.

Preceded in death by his beloved parents, brothers and sisters-in-law, “Woody” and Helen, Roger and Amelia, Allen and Jackie, and in-laws Jack and Wilma Sheppard, Leslie and Frances Okes, Bill and Phyllis Okes, Luther Okes and Franklin “Scotty” Scott, he leaves behind to cherish his memory his wife of 61 years, Wilda Okes Linkous, sons Lonzie Jr. (Tim), Michael S. (Patti), daughter Kimberly Dawn and ex son-in-law and friend Jody Burton. Never wavering in his love for his wife and children, his precious grandchildren stole his heart- Dakota Shae Burton (Tana), Evan Michael Paul Linkous (Jill), Skylar Grace Burton, Austin Blake Linkous, and Enzley Jane Ford; he beamed in their presence. His brother and sister-in-law Bernard and Ellen Linkous, sisters-in-law Nancy Scott and Helen Okes, as well as a host of nieces, nephews, and friends-he especially enjoyed the coffee and gab sessions with his pals at the “station”- also survive to remember him.

As our heart-broken family says goodbye to Lonzie/Honey/Dad/Papa and brother, we’d be remiss in not saying how this humble and kind man with a heart of gold enriched our lives. He would not want a room full of flowers to surround him, but in lieu he’d rather a donation to help sick or disadvantaged children be made in his honor- St. Jude’s Hospital or The Children’s Miracle Network come to mind. Likewise, the American Cancer Society would be an agreeable alternative as he lost so many family and friends to the dreaded disease, and his beloved wife and daughter have survived scares each on their own.

Lonzie and the family are in the care of McCoy Funeral Home in Blacksburg, Va. A gathering of remembrance will be held on Saturday September 28, 2024

at 10am, and a memorial service will follow at 11am in the Chapel.

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP **28.** 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>

Memorial Service

SEP **28.** 11:00 AM (ET)

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

Tribute Wall

SL

“ *Very sorry to hear of Lonzie's passing. I'm honored to have called him a friend. I always enjoyed seeing Lonzie and talking to him. I always looked for him on his, and his brothers', at Galax Fiddlers Convention every year. He'll be missed. My condolences.*

Sam Linkous - September 28, 2024 at 11:17 PM

NP

“ *Nancy J. Price lit a candle in memory of Lonzie L. "Link" Linkous Sr.*



Nancy J. Price - September 28, 2024 at 03:53 PM

BL

“ *I knew Lonzie for many years at Volvo, he would do some offline repair work and I got the chance to know this man very well. To his family, I know he had you all in the his greatest regard always.. and a story for every situation. I will remember this man always , he was a good guy . Prayers to the family now and the days ahead .*

Bob Litton - September 27, 2024 at 09:44 AM

BN

“ *Brenda T Nicewander lit a candle in memory of Lonzie L. "Link" Linkous Sr.*



Brenda T Nicewander - September 27, 2024 at 07:07 AM

BN

I have many wonderful memories of you and Wilda from my teenage years when our family moved from Maryland to Virginia. Hope you and Daddy are on the way to a ballgame. I love you for your friendship and for always treating me so well.

Brenda T Nicewander - September 27, 2024 at 07:10 AM

KA

“ *Link, our prayers are with you and your family during this difficult time. May God bless and comfort you and your family.*

Karen and Celeste Arahovites - September 26, 2024 at 07:15 PM

AR

“ *Angela Rauenswinter planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Lonzie L. "Link" Linkous Sr..*

Angela Rauenswinter - September 26, 2024 at 04:51 PM

DM

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with you all. He was nice guy. He was good to me. Debbie Main*



Debbie Main - September 26, 2024 at 04:17 PM

LG

“ *Love your grandbabies purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Lonzie L. "Link" Linkous Sr..*



Love your grandbabies - September 26, 2024 at 04:15 PM

JH

“ Jacob hess purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Lonzie L. "Link" Linkous Sr..



Jacob hess - September 26, 2024 at 12:56 PM

BL

“ Wilda and family. We are so sorry to hear of Lonzie's passing. When I think of Lonzie, I think of the funniest man I ever knew. He could recall a joke he heard forty years ago. He could find humor in just about anything.

I always loved to play golf around Link and his brothers. They would talk to each other like dogs, knowing they could talk like that, but, nobody else better try it. They were family.

Speaking of family, Lonzie talked about his kids with pride. He really loved his kids, but they were in second place. He beamed when he talked about his grandchildren. I hope they can carry his love for them in their memory forever.

I lost a good friend and a solid person I was lucky enough to have known.

Our condolences to all his family.

Bill and Janet Lyons - September 25, 2024 at 06:43 PM

BL

Bill, you said it better than anyone could. Lonzie was a great man with many stories to share. Truly enjoyed talking to him every time.

Bob Litton - September 27, 2024 at 09:37 AM

BM

“ My prayers have been with Lonzie's family as they have witnessed him fight, and who now has been called to heaven, a glorious place where he rests, free of all pain and worries. As a former coworker, I know that anyone who worked with Lonzie at the Volvo plant can attest to his versatility, workmanship, and willingness to help others. His personality, smile, wit, and LOVE in his heart for his bride and family was what those blessed to have known him witnessed first hand. He has carried that enormous LOVE and PRIDE with him as he now begins watching over those who mourn his loss, but who will feel the warmth of his LOVE each day as he serves as one of God's newest angels. The loss of a parent, a father, is heart wrenching, as their role in our lives is as vital as our mothers', yet different in many ways... Keeping Lonzie's family, friends, and those BLESSED to have known this great man in continued prayer, with hopes that their memories will serve as healing comfort each day.



Betty Anne Messina - September 25, 2024 at 04:43 PM

SM

“ Scott McCroskey purchased the Love's Journey for the family of Lonzie L. "Link" Linkous Sr..



Scott McCroskey - September 25, 2024 at 04:00 PM

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Scott McCroskey - September 25, 2024 at 04:00 PM

WH

“ Wilda, I am so sorry for the loss of your husband. May your memories comfort you in the days ahead.

Wanda Humphrey - September 25, 2024 at 03:24 PM

TS

“ Junior, Mrs. Linkous, family and friends,

I am so sorry for your loss & deep hurt. My thoughts and prayers are with you all now & in the days ahead. May God strengthen, gird you with His peace and fill your minds with memories so precious that your hearts will overflow.

Sincerely.

Teresa Viers Saul

Teresa Viers Saul - September 25, 2024 at 02:21 PM

LB

“ Lonzie was very knowledgeable and he was always a pleasure to work with. I have at least one good story to tell. This obituary was very well written by someone who obviously loved and knew Lonzie for who he really was. You nailed it.

Larry Wayne Bralley - September 25, 2024 at 02:15 PM

BL

Amen to that Larry. A great guy always, and had a story to share with everyone , finishing with a big grin...

Bob Litton - September 27, 2024 at 09:40 AM

JB

“ *An absolute legend of a man. He was a leader, teacher, provider, comforter, guardian and a keen prankster who always appreciated a good joke! But, most of all, he was a family man that was admired, respected and loved by all who had the privilege to meet him. He will be missed and forever remembered.*
Love ya'!!! - Jody

Jody burton - September 25, 2024 at 01:49 PM

RS

“ *Our deepest sympathies to Wilda and children and family. He was such a precious soul. May God put his arms around you all and comfort you.*



Rosemary and Larry Sheppard - September 25, 2024 at 12:38 PM

JG

Soooo sorry for the loss of your dad a wonderful nabor we pray and love you all God will help you all Jimmy and Sharon

Jimmy and Sharon gravley - September 25, 2024 at 01:03 PM

KI

“ *Please accept our deepest condolences for the loss of your loved one. Sending healing prayers and comforting hugs.*

Delores Linkous, Kim Linkous Woolwine and Family

Kim - September 25, 2024 at 10:04 AM