



Luther Gilbert Woolwine

April 1, 1945 - March 20, 2024

Luther Gilbert Woolwine, age 78, of Christiansburg, went to his eternal home on March 20, 2024, after a courageous battle with cancer. He was born in Christiansburg, Va., on April 1, 1945, to the late Rev. Charlie Noah Woolwine and Kathleen Vest Woolwine. He was preceded in death by his brothers, Donald Ray Woolwine, David Michael Woolwine, and Joseph Leroy Woolwine; sister-in-law, Patricia Wells Woolwine; and brother-in-law, Paul Edward Hollandsworth.

Luther was employed by the Radford Army Ammunition Plant (Arsenal) for 38 years. Luther worked tirelessly for his fellow employees to improve working conditions. Those who worked with him showed their respect by allowing Luther to represent them. He served as a union steward on the shop floor in the late 1960's and early 70's. In the mid 70's Luther decided to take on additional leadership responsibilities. For 12 consecutive 2 year terms, Luther was elected by his fellow workers as a Committeeman (6 terms), Vice President (3 terms), and eventually served 3 terms as their president. Luther retired from the Arsenal in 2004 but was still active in helping fellow retirees and former Arsenal workers with the benefits to which they worked and was entitled until the onset of his illness.

Luther is survived by his loving wife of 51 years, Blondene Hollandsworth Woolwine. Luther is also survived by his daughter, Marie Rorrer (Mike); son

Eddie Woolwine (Suzanne); grandchildren, Ashley Apjok (Scott), Kelsey Woolwine, McKinley Rorrer, Ryan Woolwine (Nicole); great-grandchildren, Maggie and Lucas Apjok; sisters-in-law, Shirley Woolwine, Bonnie Woolwine, Maxine Woolwine, Bonnie Smith (Lewis), Sandra Altizer (Fred), and Linda Hollandsworth; and many nieces, nephews, and extended family.

Funeral Services will be conducted, on Monday, March 25, 2024, at 2:00 PM, at the McCoy Funeral Home Chapel with the Pastor Shake Smith and Rev. Sebert Rorrer officiating. Interment will follow in Sunset Cemetery. The family will receive friends at McCoy Funeral Home, on Sunday, March 24, 2024, from 6-8:00 PM.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to the American Cancer Society. The family would like to thank Dr. Mock and the BRCC Staff, Dawn Fouse, and Good Samaritan Hospice for their care and compassion.

Cemetery Details

Sunset Cemetery

501 S. Franklin Street
Christiansburg, VA

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR **24.** 6:00 PM - 8:00 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

MAR **25.** 2:00 PM (ET)

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

Tribute Wall

RN

“ My heart sank this morning when I heard about the passing of Luther. While I have not seen him in a while, I loved the man and asked about him from time-to-time when I was home. We played football side by side on the Christiansburg High School football team and had a wonderful time together. He was a gentle giant, a good ball player and a good friend. Some people are never forgotten and Luther was one of them. As sad as his passing is, I was blessed and fortunate enough to have known him.

I send my best wishes to his family.

Ronald B. Neely

Ronald Burke Neely - April 16, 2024 at 10:05 AM

JL

“ *Blonde, Marie, Eddie. So sorry for your loss. He will be missed. May God's peace and comfort be with your family! Joyce linkous*

Joyce Linkous - March 25, 2024 at 02:38 PM

BR

“ *Eddie, Marie, & Ryan,
So sorry for the loss of your Dad and Grandfather. Prayers are with the entire family.*

Bill Richardson

Bill Richardson - March 24, 2024 at 08:07 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Luther Gilbert Woolwine.*



March 24, 2024 at 06:30 PM



“ *Blondene, Marie and family, so sorry for your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with you. May God comfort you during this time.*
Joan

Joan Custer - March 24, 2024 at 02:42 PM



“ *Serene Reflections Bouquet was purchased for the family of Luther Gilbert Woolwine.*



March 23, 2024 at 02:35 PM

AM

“ We were Luther and Blondene’s neighbors, and lived in his late parents’ house on Rosemary Rd. He and all the Woolwine family were very kind, hospitable and generous to us when we were just starting out as a young family raising babies and young boys. He would take the boys out to the pasture and talk to them. I am sure they were in awe when they looked up at this gentle, tall man with lightning white hair and smile. I remember driving down past his house one day and saw him tending to his flowers on the driveway and I thought how we are blessed because he (among others) epitomized the shoulders of the phrase, “standing on the shoulders of giants.”

Even though this world might seem colder and darker because many like him have gone on to be with Jesus, we must not forget the loving, generous spirit they carried within them. We have to love the next generation as we have been so lavishly loved, by Jesus, through wonderful people like Luther, who was a “gentle giant.”

Aaron and Aimee Medley - March 23, 2024 at 12:48 PM

SP

“ Blondene, Marie, Eddie and all the family,

Wanted to let y'all know that we are praying for all of you during the sad time. Losing a loved one is so hard but we just have to look to our Lord & Savior for peace and comfort. Luther was a kind & humble man who always had a smile.

*Love & Prayers,
Shirley & Doug*

Shirley & Doug Phillips - March 23, 2024 at 12:07 PM

AP

“ I am sorry for your loss. Prayers for the entire family.
Art Price

Art Price - March 23, 2024 at 10:57 AM

TF

“ The Tannahill family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Luther Gilbert Woolwine.

The Tannahill family - March 22, 2024 at 06:49 PM

TF

“ The Tannahill family purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Luther Gilbert Woolwine.



The Tannahill family - March 22, 2024 at 06:49 PM

LW

“ Lois Woolwine lit a candle in memory of Luther Gilbert Woolwine



Lois Woolwine - March 22, 2024 at 04:23 PM

WL

“ *Wanda Franklin Lawson lit a candle in memory of Luther Gilbert Woolwine*



Wanda Franklin Lawson - March 22, 2024 at 04:10 PM

SW

“ *Shirley Sowers Woolwine sent a virtual gift in memory of Luther Gilbert Woolwine*



Shirley Sowers Woolwine - March 22, 2024 at 03:59 PM

SW

I am so sorry for your loss, Blondene, Marie, Eddie

Shirley Sowers Woolwine - March 22, 2024 at 04:03 PM

DH

“ *I am so sorry for your loss. We all will miss Luther very much.*

Darrell Hollandsworth - March 22, 2024 at 03:06 PM