



## Melvyn Jay Huber

May 18, 1929 - October 12, 2021

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Born May 18, 1929

Died October 12, 2021

To Dad, with love from Michael, David, Victoria and Steven.

Mel Huber passed peacefully at home in his sleep – exactly as he wished to go – on October 12, 2021, reunited with our mother, his wife of 57 years, Helen Elizabeth Ruth Talbert Huber. Mel was predeceased by his parents, Solomon and Gilda Huber and by his sister Virginia Sue Huber. Family left to cherish his memory include his children, Michael, David and Victoria and her husband, Mel's third son, Steven Cochran. Mel's grandchildren and great grandchildren are Kirstin Richert (children Kira and Benjamin Wessler), Rosemary Trimmer (husband Troy, children Hayley and Braden), Ruth Richert (husband Simone Ilardi, children Athena and Leonardo), and Diana Aivia (husband Micky Morris). Additionally, Dad leaves behind his long time and dear friend and companion, Jean Nelson.

Mel was a joiner. He loved people. And by most accounts, people loved him right back. He and Mom retired in 1995 and moved from the family home in New Rochelle, NY to Blacksburg, VA. Once here, Dad became, in no particular order, a Golden Hokie and a Rotarian, a member of the Torch Club,

the University Club, the Estate Planning Council, the Marine Corps League, Shawnee Hunting Club, the Montgomery-Floyd Library System Endowment Fund, the Coast Guard Auxiliary at Claytor Lake, the Semper Fidelis Society of the Marine Corps Museum, the Blacksburg Sports Club, the Hillel Society at Virginia Tech, the Blacksburg Jewish Community Center and more. He held leadership roles in most of these organizations, including a term as Chairman of the Montgomery County Republican Party and ran for a seat on the Blacksburg Town Council. He also wrote or revised most of these organizations' by-laws; but member or leader, Dad took joy in giving back to the Blacksburg community he loved.

Mel graduated from DePauw University in Greencastle, IN where he met and fell in love with his roommate's girlfriend, Helen Talbert. He captured her heart and she his. After graduation, they moved to New York for Dad to attend Columbia Law School. A member of the Marine Corps Reserve through his college years, Dad was called to active duty during the Korean Conflict, deferring his last two years of law school at Columbia University. He spent his career pursuing two loves – law and business. Once in Blacksburg, though, Dad faced failure – he didn't know HOW to retire. After a couple of years volunteering for various organizations, he became a member of the Virginia Bar and opened a thriving solo practice in wills, trusts and estates. He tried to retire. He failed again. He went into partnership with Steve Wagner and spent many years at the Wagner and Huber law office in Blacksburg. He tried to retire and failed once more. He started a company to sell insurance and annuities. He stopped trying to retire. And, on October 12, 2021, he got his final promotion. Rest in peace. May his memory be for a blessing.

The family requests no flowers, but if you wish to make a donation in Mel's name to the Community Foundation of the New River Valley ([cfnr.org](http://cfnr.org)) the gesture will be appreciated. Special thanks to everyone at Good Samaritan Hospice for their kindness and assistance to dad over the past year – with

special thanks to Angie (dad's 'angel'), Brittany and Kayla.

Funeral services will be conducted Friday, October 15, 2021 at 11:00 am in the McCoy Funeral Home Chapel. Interment will follow in the Memorial Gardens of New River Valley. The family will receive friends from 6 to 8 pm Thursday evening at McCoy Funeral Home, 150 Country Club Drive SW, Blacksburg, Va.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT **14.** 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>

## Service

OCT **15.** 11:00 AM (ET)

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

# Tribute Wall

PS

“ Hello,  
My name is Phillip and I am so sorry to hear about Mel's passing.He was a customer of.mine in the service dept at.Duncan Ford.I always enjoyed his visit and we talked about many different subjects.What an interesting man he was.I am sorry for your loss.  
Sincerely, Phillip Shuford

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**Phillip Shuford** - November 06, 2021 at 07:31 PM

SS

“ Dear Victoria, Steve, Michael, David and Family,  
My thoughts are with you during this time. Your Dad was such a beautiful soul (as was your precious Mom). They both had a talent for making you feel special when spending time with them. I have fond memories of visiting them (with Victoria) in New Rochelle and the special outings they meticulously arranged. You now have another angel to watch over you who is likely running the show!  
Much love, Susanne Swinnie (Hickory, NC)

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**Susanne Swinnie** - October 14, 2021 at 03:41 PM

ST

“ Dear Victoria and Steve and Family,  
My condolences. The pictures through the years, the tales told, and the open letter to Mel (a fabulous obituary) make me wish I had met him in person. Peace be with you.  
Sincerely,  
Sandy Thornton

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**Sandy Thornton** - October 14, 2021 at 12:44 PM

BD

“ *My sincerest condolences upon the passing of Mel. I considered him as a friend, as we were in several groups together. I hope to meet you all on Thursday.*  
*Bob Dickenson*

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**Bob Dickenson** - October 13, 2021 at 11:58 PM

PA

“ *I sent him a couple "thinking of you" cards over the last few months. He always called me to tell me how much that gesture meant to him. He was so thoughtful in that way. We will miss him at Rotary. Our sympathies go out to you, Victoria and your three brothers.....oh wait!--One is Steve. Memories will keep you going. --Paula*



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**Paula Alston** - October 13, 2021 at 08:51 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Melvyn Jay Huber.*



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October 13, 2021 at 04:06 PM