



Cecil Adren Counts

February 24, 1936 - February 7, 2022

Cecil Adren Counts, age 85, of Clincho, VA passed away Monday, February 7th, 2022. He is survived by his children, Tab and Billy; Sister Trevor; Brothers Jimmy and Billy; and numerous grandchildren. Preceding him in death were his parents, Orville and Mabel; his brothers Harry, Mackey and Sandy; his wife Shelia and his sons Mike and Eddie.

Cecil grew up in a small southern Virginia town where he met the love of his life and future wife. He enlisted in the Marines and set out from his corner of the world to places he'd never even dreamed of. He regularly made it back throughout his life to see family and friends and the place he'd always call home.

Shelia and Cecil shared a beautiful life together - simple, and full of deep love and commitment to one another's happiness. Even once retired, they'd sneak off like kids to Atlantic City for the endless seafood and a few pulls on the slots before heading right back to care for their kids and grandbabies, fulfilling their every wish and whim with everything they had. When Shelia passed, he took on that role himself and with the kids and grandkids a little older, the caring for became reciprocal for the rest of his days.

Today there is an empty chair where our beloved Pappaw sat, where he sipped coffee and sat seemingly tuned into whatever was on the TV but secretly pondering what the day would bring. The emptiness swallows us whole at first for the space he consumed in our lives was vast, but his stories and deep laugh will live in all the nooks and crannies of our minds. That chair will soon be the one at the head of the table at Thanksgiving or the one he'd sit at over the sink to peel his potatoes and we'll again be consumed with his absence. It may stop us in our tracks and the tears may fall for a moment or two, but we will be warmed in the coldest moments by memories of his immense love; remembering his endearing salutations after every phone call and completely wrapped in the way he loved us all, like only he could.

He loved and was loved fiercely and deeply, and we take comfort in knowing that he is now at peace, reunited with his soulmate and their beloved families who've kept his new chair warm for him.

Visitation will be held at Pierce Funeral Home, 9609 Center Street on Sunday, February 20th, 2022 from 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm. Burial will be at Quantico National Cemetery in

Triangle, Virginia on Monday, February 21st, at 10:00 am

Cemetery Details

Quantico National Cemetery

18424 Joplin Road
Triangle, VA 22172

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB **20**. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Pierce Funeral Home
9609 Center St.
Manassas, VA 20110
(703) 257-6028
pfh@piercefh.com
<https://www.piercefh.com>

Graveside Services

FEB **21**. 10:00 AM (ET)

Quantico National Cemetery
18424 Joplin Road
Triangle, VA

Tribute Wall

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“ He was my baseball coach in the 60s and 70s. A very good man

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“ Ania (Patti) lit a candle in memory of Cecil Adren Counts



Ania (Patti) - May 15, 2022 at 12:30 AM

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“ My grandfather was a loyal man with a peaceful spirit and a servants heart. He served his country as a U.S. Marine, he served his community as a fire chief for the airport, and he served his family! He cooked and served his wife faithfully every day. He was present for every life event. From McDonald birthday parties, to graduations, to weddings. Always present with his peaceful spirit and a smile on his face. Just taking it all in. He was always there for you when ever you needed him. Picked up every phone call with his jovial..”Hello.” And ended with “I love you darlin””. I was blessed for my children to know their great grandfather. When telling my seven year old son about Papas life and the way he served others, he said through his tears, “Papaw was an extraordinary man.” That he was. I will miss our monthly phone calls and routine home visits, his contagious laugh and adorable smile. And his mashed potatoes and macaroni salad. Thanks for being a constant in my life Papaw. We love and miss you. Rest In Peace and hug my daddy 🤗



Jennifer Wurie - February 16, 2022 at 07:19 AM

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*Im just shocked!! My good friend!
Cecil was a very good and dear friend to me.*

*I'm just so broken to find out on Wednesday he passed. I kept trying to contact him
and number was working.*

RIH MY FRIEND!

Ania (Patti) - May 15, 2022 at 12:33 AM