



## Ralph McDowell

December 25, 1947 - December 29, 2004

RALPH WALKER McDOWELL II, Conservationist, 57, of Nokesville, Virginia died Wednesday, December 29, 2004 at The Johns Hopkins Hospital, Baltimore, Maryland of complications from cancer after a four year battle with the disease.

Ralph was born in Philadelphia, PA on December 25, 1947. Mr. McDowell graduated with a degree in industrial design from Syracuse University and used his training to design and implement environmental restoration practices throughout the greater Metro area. He retired in the late 1990s from McDowell Associates, Inc., an award-winning erosion control and wetland creation firm he owned and operated for over twenty years. For the past several years, he was a freelance outdoor writer and photographer and also a staff member of two outdoor publications. Mr. McDowell was an active member of numerous wildlife habitat conservation organizations including Ducks Unlimited where he served as Chairman of the Prince William-Manassas Chapter and as a member of the Virginia State Council. He was also a life member of the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation and the Izaak Walton League and former Chairman of the Board of the Prince William Soil and Water Conservation District.

He was preceded in death by his father, Dean Noyes McDowell and his brother Dean Noyes McDowell, Jr.

Survivors include his children, Melanie A. McDowell of Kingston, PA and Charles D. McDowell of Burke, VA; his mother Mary B. McDowell, of Forest City, North Carolina and two sisters, Gail McDowell of Happy Camp, California and Anne Schafer of Rutherfordton, North Carolina.

The family will receive friends from 2:00-4:00 & 7:00-9:00 P.M. Sunday, January 2, 2005 at Price Funeral Home, 9609 Center Street, Manassas. Funeral services will be held 11:00 A.M. Monday, January 3, 2005 at Asbury United Methodist Church, 14113 Fleetwood Drive, Nokesville, Virginia with Pastor Guy Hamilton, Sr. officiating. Interment will follow in the church cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, expressions of sympathy may take the form of contributions to Ducks Unlimited, or to Asbury United Methodist Church, P.O. Box 6, Nokesville, Virginia 20182 in memory of Ralph W. McDowell.

Condolences may be sent to [www.pricefh.com](http://www.pricefh.com).

# Tribute Wall

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“ As a fellow outdoor writer, member of Ducks Unlimited, and Virginia Outdoor Writers Association, it was indeed my gain to have known and rubbed shoulders with Ralph. It was only for about five years, but I am richer for the experience to know this friendly man. My condolences and prayers go out to his family. "Spike"

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“ Darling Ralph,

*Thank you for the most precious memories you helped me create during the last five years. It has been an honor to be at your side during three difficult years of illness. I feel blessed that you gave me so much love and support during my own endeavors.*

*You will always be with me, and in my heart.*

*With great love,  
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