



Raymond Floyd Harley

August 16, 1956 - May 22, 2022

Raymond Floyd Harley was born on August 16, 1956, in Clifton Forge to Robert Harley Senior and Marie Harley Wiechec. Ray departed this earthly life peacefully at home on May 22, 2022.

Ray was united in marriage to the love of his life, Brenda Ann Harley on April 22, 2017. Ray was a devoted husband, father and grandfather who enjoyed family and had a passion for hunting. His appreciation for nature meant that he often returned home with various wildlife trophies.

Ray was a dedicated employee at Calvert Masonry for over 25 years. He worked his way up the ranks from bricklayer to Senior Superintendent. Calvert states that “Ray was highly valued for his work ethic, the level of involvement and detail on his projects, and his expert knowledge of masonry and construction. His dedication toward success of the company will be deeply missed both personally and professionally.”

Ray is survived by his beloved wife, Brenda Harley, his son Raymond Jr., his daughters Stephanie (Chris) and Melissa (Brian) as well as two grandchildren (Autumn and Carwyn). He is also survived by Brenda Harley’s children, Ashley Moore (Jeff), Donald Babb (Crystal) and grandchildren Jeffrey, Skylar, Bryce, Hannah and Mark. Ray accepted and treated all of his children and grandchildren as a united family. He leaves behind countless friends and family members.

Although this is a profound loss for the entire family, Ray will be cherished and the beautiful legacy of a vibrant man will be celebrated. The viewing is

scheduled for May 26th, 2022 from 6pm to 8pm at Pierce Funeral home, 9609 Center St. Manassas, VA 20110, where Funeral services will be held at 10:30 a.m. Friday, May 27th, 2022. Interment will follow in Mount Comfort Cemetery, 6600 S Kings Hwy, Alexandria, VA. 22306 at 12:30pm.

In Lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the American Cancer Society or the American Heart Association.

Cemetery Details

Mt. Comfort Cemetery

6600 S Kings Hwy
Alexandria, VA 22306

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY **26**. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Pierce Funeral Home
9609 Center St.
Manassas, VA 20110
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pfh@piercefh.com
<https://www.piercefh.com>

Funeral Service

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Tribute Wall



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of Raymond Floyd Harley.



May 25, 2022 at 09:04 PM



“ *Arrive in Style* was purchased for the family of Raymond Floyd Harley.



May 25, 2022 at 02:32 PM



“ *Susan, Robert, Darryl and family, you are in our thoughts & prayers as you go through this unexpected time of grief. Ray was a wonderful brother to each of you. May God comfort you at this time. With sincere sympathy, Pam & John Heider*

pam heider - May 25, 2022 at 01:13 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of Raymond Floyd Harley.



May 25, 2022 at 12:55 PM

RV

“ *Ray Harley was a real gentleman and the best hunter I knew among a group of really good hunters. I enjoyed those rare, but wonderful occasions when we were at the hunt camp together and could share conversation about many topics, especially hunting. Ray will be sorely missed. Rest in peace, friend.*

Robert Hanley, Milam, West Virginia - May 25, 2022 at 12:31 PM

JE

“ *Ray we are going to miss you.*



Jim Engleright - May 25, 2022 at 11:49 AM

KK

“ *Ray is Old School and a great Person*

He was my best Foreman at Calvert Masonry when I worked there. He was at a different level than all the other foreman at that time. We learned a lot from each other and made a great team. He talked more SHIT than anyone period, but he could always back it up. He was the most honest, intelligent and reliable person that I have ever worked with and I was honored to have him as a friend.

One of the things that stands out to me working with Ray, is that he didn't like to be told what to do. I would go to Ray's jobsite and give him a task to do. If he didn't agree, he would say "I'm not going to do it" (with a lot of curse words mixed in). He would out right refuse. But I knew, as soon as I would drive away from the jobsite he would always take care of whatever task he was assigned.

I've got lots of stories about Ray. We really didn't stay in touch much after I left Calvert but we would run into each other from time to time. We would always flip each other off when we would pass on the highway. I honestly enjoyed our time working together and I will always remember him in a positive way. I'm am grateful to have had him in my life.

Those that know Ray better than me can correct me if I am wrong on the next couple of items(I am old and my memory isn't the greatest).

Stories I was told by Ray

-Ray went to college at Old Dominion University for Accounting?

-He learned how to be a masonry foreman from his father. As a masonry foreman his father wasn't the best at reading plans. Ray would read the plans for him and do the layout on his fathers jobs. This contributed to him being a great foreman at a young age.

Ken Kealey

Ken Kealey - May 25, 2022 at 12:26 AM

JG

“ Ray was the masonry foreman on *The Bartlett* and I was the superintendent for the GC. Every morning all the foreman would gather in a circle on the porch of our trailer to plan the days activities....that is everyone was in a circle except one person stood in the center of the circle....Ray. He would point at me and the other foreman and make a big dramatic display about how everyone was screwing him, “but you all keep putting obstacles in my way, but I WILL OVERCOME BECAUSE I’M RAY HARLEY”. Everyone couldn’t help but chuckle as he would swear up and down how he didn’t have the time to help anyone with anything, then proceed to do the exact opposite....help everyone he could in every way possible. Everyone loved him. One of a kind!
Here’s a picture I took of Ray on the 23rd floor as he completed the largest masonry job in the DC area. I know he will be missed. I’m glad I had a chance to know him.
-John Garvey



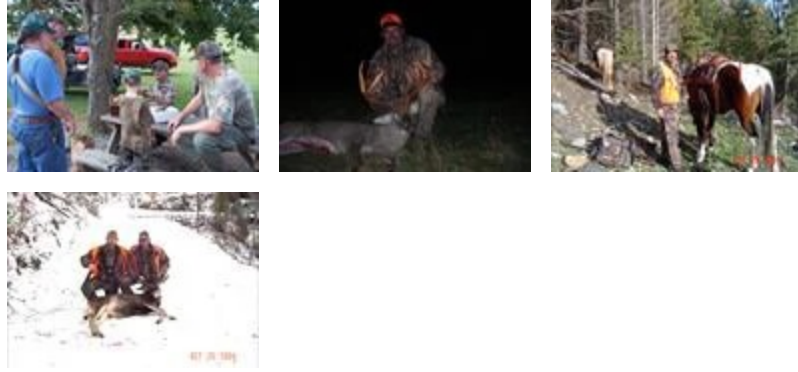
john garvey - May 24, 2022 at 10:14 PM

LS

“ You can see by the pics I added that Ray was a big part of my hunting life but more than that he was one of my very best friends. From our early hunting days at AP Hill to TLF to the last couple of years spent hunting together in Buckingham, Ray made each trip special. There was something about Ray that always made me look up to him, could have been our 5 year age difference. I consider myself a good outdoorsman and good hunter but deep down inside I know Ray had me beat, maybe that's the reason. Each hunting season he would send me a pic of a big buck and even a bear that got outsmarted and ended up at the wrong end of Ray's gun, there were very few years that those pics failed to show up. Every time we hunted my farm at some point Ray would look around, thank me for allowing him to hunt and say, "you are a lucky man." Truth is I am a lucky man, lucky to have known, loved and shared a friendship with Ray Harley in this life. I am deeply saddened by the loss of my good friend and will truly miss him, hunting will not be the same without him, especially the Buckingham Farm that he loved so much and did so much to make it a great place for all who had the pleasure of sharing it with him. Rest in peach dear friend, I look forward to the day we meet again to share memories and swap hunting stories.

Larry

P.S. The pic of the Mule Deer was shot by Ray in Montana, was shot at 360 yards off one knee. I was there, the greatest shot I have ever seen. All I could say to Ray as he steadied himself on that one knee was, "he's too far, he's too far" at the same time Ray was saying, "I got him!, I got him!" The sound of that gun going off broke finally broke the silence of that mountain, it seemed to take forever for the bullet find its mark, but it did. It struck that deer square between the shoulder blades sending it tumbling down the mountain side. We looked at each other in awe, neither could believe what just happened. I told him he could never do that again in a million years, of course he blew me off, said, "I hit him right where I was aiming" I remember that like it was yesterday.



Larry Sanders - May 24, 2022 at 08:17 PM

VK

“ Ray will be forever remembered by our family as a strong but gentle man! I will be forever grateful for the friend he was to Brian and the mentor and friend he was to Mitch! The friendship and love for the great outdoors that they shared was something I always admired. Wasn't anything he wouldn't do to help you. His last project for me was helping Brian with our outdoor shower at the river! The work he could do by 8:00am was incredible! You'll be missed Ray!

Vickie keeler - May 24, 2022 at 08:13 PM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Raymond Floyd Harley.



May 24, 2022 at 06:28 PM

PS

“ *Our last trip together was to celebrate Ron’s birthday in a yurt and visiting a winery. I will miss our impromptu get togethers and hearing you laugh. You were the best human kind has to offer. May you Rest In Peace.*



Patricia Sanders - May 24, 2022 at 02:58 PM



“ *Sunny Memories was purchased for the family of Raymond Floyd Harley.*



May 24, 2022 at 02:15 PM

RS

“ *Ray was a good man, great friend, and family to us! I’ll miss him.*



Ron Sanders - May 24, 2022 at 02:11 PM

BR

“ 9 files added to the tribute wall



brian - May 24, 2022 at 02:08 PM

CB

“ 3 files added to the tribute wall



Chad Broome - May 24, 2022 at 01:54 PM

BR

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Brian - May 24, 2022 at 01:36 PM

LS

“ 1 file added to the album *Memories Album*



Larry Sanders - May 24, 2022 at 12:37 PM

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Larry Sanders - May 24, 2022 at 12:36 PM