



Robert "Perry" Perishing Whetzel

May 3, 1953 - January 11, 2026

Robert Perishing Whetzel (lovingly known as Perry), age 72, of Manassas, Virginia, passed away unexpectedly at his home on January 11, 2026. He was born on May 3, 1953, in Washington, D.C.

Perry was a devoted husband, father, grandfather, brother, uncle and friend. Throughout his life, he worked as a commercial electrician and took pride in his work. He was known for enjoying the simple pleasure of fishing whenever and wherever he could. He also loved spending time with his wife of 41 years, his family at their cabin, was a loyal Baltimore Orioles fan, and was passionate about collecting Civil War relics that he personally metal detected and antiques over the years.

He is survived by his wife, Linda Lea Whetzel; his daughter, Joanna Lea Garber, and her partner, Derrick Conway Garber; his son, Robert Allen Armistead Whetzel, and his partner, Simon Alexander Bull; and his beloved grandchildren, Ezra Conway Garber, Andi Rose Garber, and Owen Armistead Garber; and his niece, Allison Armistead Cox.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Robert Perishing Lee Whetzel and Joan Armistead Whetzel; his sister, Kathy Armistead DuVall; and his nephew, Jason DuVall.

A funeral service will be held on January 30th at the Pierce Funeral Home in Manassas, VA at 11:30 AM, with a small reception to follow.

Cemetery Details

Manassas City Cemetery

9317 Center Street
Manassas, VA 20110
(703) 257-8372
<http://www.manassascity.org/181/Cemeteries>

Previous Events

Funeral Service

JAN 30. 11:30 AM (ET)

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

Reception

JAN 30. 12:00 PM (ET)

Pierce Funeral Home Celebration Room
9609 Center Street
Manassas, VA 20110
<https://www.piercefh.com/who-we-are/celebration-room>

Burial

JAN 30. 2:30 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

AF

“ Linda, keeping you and your family close in my thoughts; wishing you strength, love, and support as you move through this difficult time. With heartfelt condolences, Amy Fetgatter

Amy Fetgatter - February 02 at 03:02 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Robert "Perry" Perishing Whetzel.



January 29 at 02:42 PM

HA

“ Holly Kortright & Kathie Arnold purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Robert "Perry" Perishing Whetzel.



Holly Kortright & Kathie Arnold - January 29 at 01:09 PM

BL

“ Becky and Mick Loggins purchased the Gracious Lavender Basket for the family of Robert "Perry" Perishing Whetzel.



Becky and Mick Loggins - January 28 at 04:46 PM

EL

“ Everyone at Draftco, LLC purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Robert "Perry" Perishing Whetzel.



Everyone at Draftco, LLC - January 28 at 08:53 AM



“ Love's Tapestry was purchased for the family of Robert "Perry" Perishing Whetzel.



January 27 at 12:50 PM

LC

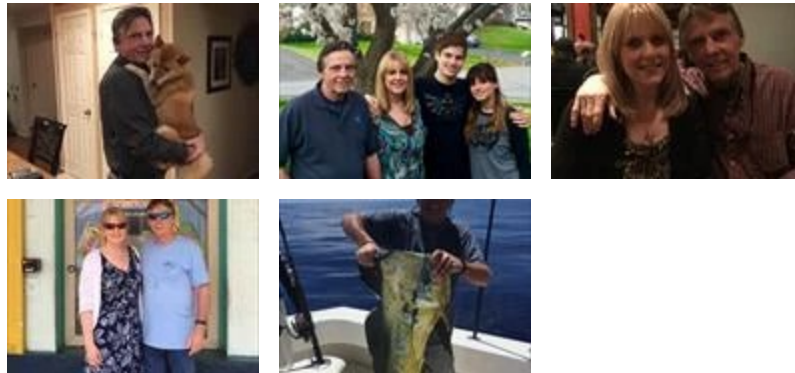
“ Love, Chris, Nic and Cooper purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Robert "Perry" Perishing Whetzel.



Love, Chris, Nic and Cooper - January 20 at 06:42 AM

LW

“ 87 files added to the tribute wall



Linda Whetzel - January 19 at 10:23 AM

DC

Linda, Joanna and Robbie, So sorry for the loss of Perry. Sending you prayers and hoping your wonderful memories will help you through your loss. Debbie Calder

Debbie Calder - January 27 at 04:08 PM

CK

I live in Florida now but I remember playing LittleLeague and Babe Ruth baseball with hm. So sorry for your loss. 😞

Claudia Jeanne Keys - January 27 at 07:14 PM

TN

“ Perry was a long time friend of mine that I met playing little league baseball. He helped lead us to a championship for Cocks Pharmacy. A very good pitcher and great hitter. As life went on we reconnected going to a few Orioles baseball games and class reunions. I will treasure the memories fondly. RIP Perry 💔

Tim Nelson - January 17 at 03:21 PM

SC

“ Scott & Clayton purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Robert "Perry" Perishing Whetzel.



Scott & Clayton - January 17 at 12:18 PM

DB

“ I am so sorry to hear that Perry passed away. I have such fond memories.

Diana Bolton - January 17 at 10:11 AM

JO

“ Jordan Ortiz purchased the Beautiful Dreams for the family of Robert "Perry" Perishing Whetzel.



Jordan Ortiz - January 16 at 10:01 PM