



William "Moose" Hartman

September 5, 1936 - November 19, 2025

William Ronald Hartman, a/k/a "Moose" Hartman, of Gainesville, Virginia, passed away on Wednesday, November 19, 2025, He was 89 years old.

He was born on September 5, 1936, to William and Anna Hartman, the third of three children. He graduated from Bienvenue High School in Rocky Mount, North Carolina, and served in the United States Coast Guard from January 1956 through December 1959 primarily on the USCGC Absecon out of Norfolk, Virginia.

He married his high school sweetheart, Edna, and they had two children; a daughter Susie and a son Bill.

Moose, Edna and Susie moved to Arlington, Virginia, where he became a firefighter achieving the position of captain. He also worked in the Fire Marshall's office at one time.

Moose loved life and being active. Over the years he enjoyed fishing, hunting, camping, golfing (he even got a hole in one), playing in the Northern Virginia Senior Softball League (pitcher), singing barbershop (lead), coaching little league baseball, basketball and football (even got Coach of the Year in Arlington County for his winning football team). As most firefighters do, he held several part-time positions over the years; as a school bus driver for

children with a disability, delivered flowers, pall bearer, sold used cars, became an auctioneer and conducted mostly estate auctions, and drove used cars for an auction house.

He is survived by his wife Edna, daughter Susie, son Bill, grand dogs Max and Opie, nieces, nephews, grand nieces and nephews, and great grandnieces. He was preceded in death by his parents, William and Anna, and his two older sisters Peggy Jane and Barbara Dean.

A celebration of his life will be held on Friday, November 28, 2025, at one o'clock in the afternoon at Pierce Funeral Home in Manassas, Virginia.

Previous Events

Funeral Service

NOV **28**. 1:00 PM (ET)

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

Tribute Wall

KF

“ Karen and Tim Cope and family purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of William "Moose" Hartman.



Karen and Tim Cope and family - November 27, 2025 at 03:14 PM

MC

“ Michael and Terri Carlson purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of William "Moose" Hartman.



Michael and Terri Carlson - November 27, 2025 at 12:46 PM

FM

“ From Chris and Judy Male purchased the Blue Caribbean Bouquet for the family of William "Moose" Hartman.



From Chris and Judy Male - November 26, 2025 at 08:11 PM

EP

“ Ed & Ellen Plagata purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of William "Moose" Hartman.



Ed & Ellen Plagata - November 26, 2025 at 11:10 AM

CH

“ Carl and Barbara Hessenauer purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of William "Moose" Hartman.



Carl and Barbara Hessenauer - November 26, 2025 at 10:34 AM

CH

“ I have known Moose since we were in Coast Guard boot camp together, and that was a long time ago. What memories we have! Moose was the best story teller I ever met, he could have a room full of people rolling on the floor laughing. Edna, Susie and Bill, I am so very sad, I will remember Moose always! RIP my dear old friend! Carl Hessenauer

Carl Hessenauer - November 26, 2025 at 10:20 AM

DE

“ Our condolences, Edna, Susie and Bill 🙏. We are new neighbors on the block but loved chatting with Moose when we would take our walks and see him tinkering in the garage. He always had a smile on his face and a story to tell. We already miss him for that! 💔

Dan and Lisa Engelhardt - November 25, 2025 at 03:15 PM



“ Ocean Breeze Spray was purchased for the family of William "Moose" Hartman.



November 25, 2025 at 02:42 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of William "Moose" Hartman.*



November 25, 2025 at 12:13 PM



“ *:Dear Edna, Susie and Bill... We have lost one of the Good Guys. Always there when we needed someone, it was always Moose. We were neighbors and friends, still consider Edna my best friend. My heart goes out to all of you
With love, Agnes*

Agnes McLaughlin - November 24, 2025 at 08:51 PM



“ *Griff and Marian Griffith purchased the Florist Choice Bouquet for the family of William "Moose" Hartman.*



Griff and Marian Griffith - November 24, 2025 at 08:28 PM



“ *I met Moose when I joined the Bull Run Troubadours in 2000, and he became a dear friend. He was always full of life and offered a helping hand to those in need. I remember the first time he ate a piece of my homemade fruit cake. The chorus was selling concessions at a school event and he ate the whole cake, paying a dollar slice. I made sure he got his Holiday cake for years after that. Rest in peace "Old Friend". Griff*

Ralph E. Griffith - November 24, 2025 at 08:18 PM