



Woody Merchant

December 16, 1933 - January 27, 2021

Wilmer Thornton Merchant, Jr. "Woody", age 87, passed away on Wednesday, January 27, 2021 at NOVANT Health Prince William Medical Center in Manassas, VA.

He was born on December 16, 1933 in Manassas, VA to the late Wilmer Thornton and Elizabeth (O'Neil) Merchant.

Predeceased by his parents and five siblings: Elizabeth Wheeling, Patsy Hisey, Walter Merchant, Taylor Merchant and Barbara Gullege.

Survivors include his loving wife of 69 years, Senia Merchant; two sons: Neal C. Merchant and wife Susan; and Brian T. Merchant; one sister: Anna Gray Garrison; and numerous nieces and nephews.

A funeral service will be held on Tuesday, February 2, 2021 at Buckhall United Methodist Church, 10251 Moore Drive, Manassas, VA 20111 at 1:00 PM with Dr. Gary Hulme and Rev. Sean Gundry officiating. The family will receive friends from 12:00 PM – 1:00 PM. Interment will follow at Hixson Cemetery in Manassas, VA.

Expressions of sympathy may take the form of donations to: S.E.R.V.E, 10056 Dean Drive, Manassas, VA 20110 in loving memory of Woody Merchant.

Condolences may be sent to: www.piercefh.com

Cemetery Details

Hixson Cemetery

Buckhall Road
Manassas, VA 20111

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 2. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Buckhall United Methodist Church
10251 Moore Drive
Manassas, VA

Service

FEB 2. 1:00 PM (ET)

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10251 Moore Drive
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Tribute Wall

RD

“ So sorry to hear of Woody's passing. He was a generous presence as a philanthropist, advocate, and adviser -- and I learned a lot from him about the community, broadcasting, the music business, and even a little bit about cars, in my role at the Hylton Performing Arts Center. And good advice about how to order a plate of scrambled eggs, too. "Make sure you ask them to crack some fresh eggs for you." He will be missed, and he has made his mark, leaving the community better than he found it.

Rick Davis - March 12, 2021 at 10:22 AM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Woody Merchant.



February 15, 2021 at 07:24 PM

JR

“ I'm very sad for the passing of Mr. Merchant, a great man and friend, a man with a great heart, he help us to stablish our church "Iglesia Bíblica" a spanish church, without his help Iglesia Bíblica won't be there, we will miss him, I will miss our conversations, our prayers and our hearts are with his wife, kids and the rest of the family members, in name of Iglesia Bíblica and my family our sincere condolences. Pastor José Reyes

José Reyes - February 15, 2021 at 07:13 PM

BF

“ I am so saddened by the loss of Mr. Merchant. He was one of my regulars at IHOP. I took care of him there for almost 5 years, and in 5 years we talked about everything! I even used to get in trouble for sitting down with him and never taking my food to tables, but I never cared. He was SO good at telling you about his life. And how Manassas has changed over the years. I always love my conversations with Woody. He even told me about his days as a Disk Jockey. That was a funny day, I told him “Mr. merchant, you were a DJ?” We both laughed. It’s been maybe 5 months since I had seen him, and I will always miss the fun times we had. To hear the passing of Woody was extremely unexpected. I’m praying for all of his family! I know this isn’t an easy process and I hope that God helps you along the way!

Beverly Fernandez - February 02, 2021 at 08:10 PM

DW

“ Thanks for always looking out for the family, Bean Man. RIP

Denny Wheeling - February 02, 2021 at 09:58 AM

CM

“ I'm sorry I can't be there today with my family. I'll be thinking about everyone. One of the last times I was home, he shared some great stories of his days in radio with me, he could tell a story! RIP Uncle Woody!

with love...

Chris Merchant

Chris Merchant - February 02, 2021 at 09:08 AM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Woody Merchant.*



February 02, 2021 at 07:48 AM



“ *Woody built one of the great businesses in Manassas and worked with Juan Rivera to build Manassas Regional Airport into a major general aviation hub in Virginia. Larry Hughes*

Larry Hughes - February 01, 2021 at 11:22 AM



“ *I grew up one block over from the Woody Merchant family. They were always within the circle of my life. I am so sorry for your loss. RIP Woody. Thanks for all you did to make Manassas an excellent place to grow up.
Jo Marie Bauserman Duke*

Jo M Duke - January 30, 2021 at 02:13 PM



“ *Woody Merchant was one of those people that helped Manassas Be The Best it Can Be. Thank you Woody for all you have given to and for us. Thanks also to the Merchant family for their support!*

Hal Parrish - January 29, 2021 at 05:08 PM

SG

“ Sending love to all my family. Sorry I can't be there with you. I sure will miss our “lively” conversations and breakfast meetups when I was in town. He may not have always shown it, but he had a big heart and we shared a deep love for our animals. Will miss you Uncle Woody...

With all my love,
Sharon Wheeling Gibson



Sharon Gibson - January 29, 2021 at 11:04 AM

MG

“ Our deepest sympathy to the Merchant family. Our thoughts and prayers to the Merchant family.

Maury and Vera Gerson - January 29, 2021 at 08:07 AM

JP

“ I worked for Woody at Battlefield Ford starting in 1979 for 11 years. After moving out of the area then coming back and returning to work at Battlefield even though he had sold it he would come by sit and chat we talked about our families and the old days and people we missed. I will truly miss those times and Woody he was a great man.

Jr. Peacher - January 28, 2021 at 05:55 PM

PB

I worked for Woody for 35 years. He nearly ran over me when he would come flying out the door to answer a fire call. Woody was always ready to help someone in need.

Phyllis Bowling - January 28, 2021 at 06:45 PM

KF

Our deepest sympathy to the Merchant family.

Ken and Armande Fisher. (Fisher's Maytag)

Ken Fisher - January 31, 2021 at 01:11 PM

RD

Our deepest sympathy my family have known the Merchant family for many years growing up in Manassas ! RIP Woody Doris (Kidwell) Stokely, Raymond Kidwell Jr (Buddy) Ruth (Kidwell) Diehr

Ruth Dier - February 02, 2021 at 04:44 PM