Ronald Nelson Orrell

July 27, 1938 - September 17, 2023

Ronald Nelson Orrell, 85, of Danville passed away peacefully on Sunday, September 17, 2023.

Born in Lynchburg, VA on July 27, 1938 he was the son of the late Jerry Kent Orrell and Grace Evans Orrell. He was married to his beloved, Mildred Bliss Orrell, for 59 years. She predeceased him in 2018.
In addition to his parents and wife, Ronnie was preceded in death by one sister, Jean Brown of Danville, VA and two brothers, Wilson Orrell of Winder, GA and Durward Orrell of Belmont, NC.

Ronnie retired from the Virginia Army National Guard after 34 years of service with the rank of Chief Warrant Officer 3 and from Dupont/ICI after 25 years of service as an industrial electrician. He enjoyed cooking, music, movies, traveling with his family, watching PBS, chopping wood, meals with family, helping others whenever he could and being the best father and Pawpaw.

Survivors include a son, Jeffrey K. Orrell, two daughters, Andrea O. Eggleston (Stephen), Gina O. Collins, three grandchildren, Leanne Earp (Tiffany Woicikowfski), Amanda Earp (Chris Griffith), Jack Collins, and three step grandchildren, Gillian Eggleston, Lydia Byers (Tim), and Julia Eggleston. He is also survived by his fur baby great grandchildren, Artemis, Boo, Benny, Mona and Mina.

A graveside service will be held at Mountain View Cemetery on Friday, September 22, 2023 at 11:00 AM with the Rev. Richard Motley officiating.

In lieu of a formal visitation, family will receive friends and family at the residence. Mr. Orrell is available for viewing from 8 am to 5 pm daily at the Wrenn-Yeatts North Main Chapel.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests that memorial donations be made to the Danville Humane Society, the Danville Life Saving Crew or the Danville Symphony Orchestra.

Wrenn-Yeatts North Main Chapel is serving the Orrell family.

Previous Events

Graveside Service

SEP **22**. 11:00 AM (ET)

Mountain View Cemetery
254 Rambler Drive
Danville, VA 24541

Tribute Wall

62 files added to the album LifeTributes

Wrenn-Yeatts Funeral Homes - September 21, 2023 at 11:22 AM

Treasured Lilies Spray was purchased for the family of Ronald Nelson Orrell.

September 21, 2023 at 10:07 AM

FA

Faye lit a candle in memory of Ronald Nelson Orrell

Faye - September 20, 2023 at 02:22 PM

Love's Journey was purchased for the family of Ronald Nelson Orrell.

September 20, 2023 at 11:14 AM

DG

You were a great man and will be missed RIP

David guill - September 19, 2023 at 06:10 AM

PJ

RIP Mr. Ronnie you truly will be missed. Mark&Pam

Pamela Jones - September 18, 2023 at 08:05 PM