



## Joseph Ladell Fary

November 15, 1942 - May 15, 2025

Joseph Ladell Fary, 82, of Mechanicsville, passed away Thursday, May 15, 2025. Born November 15, 1942, in King & Queen to the late Walter and Gladys Fary, he was also preceded in death by his wives, Dian Cobb Fary and Linda Martin Fary; brother, Walter Lee Fary; and his sister, Elvira Francis Fary.

Joe is survived by his brother, Melvin Fary; niece, Paula Fary; nephews, Michael Fary, Douglas Saunders, and Scott Saunders; great nephew, Calvin Robinson Fary; stepsons, Billy Wyatt, Jr., Ray Blevins, Jr. (Kim); stepdaughter, Valerie Watling; as well as extended family and numerous friends that have become family. He is also survived by his beloved Mini-Pincer, Sandy Carol, who has been by his side for 16 years.

On February 5, 1965, Joe joined the Navy serving on the USS Barney DDG 6 during Vietnam, receiving a Purple Heart in 1967. After recovering from his wounds, he was stationed 'Stateside' at Defense General Supply where he continued his Naval Career until his retirement in 1998 after 32 years of service. In 2009, Joe began working for RichPro Pest Control as a termite sprayer until fully retiring in 2017. He was a loyal member of Richmond East Moose Lodge since 1986, VFW Post 9808, and was a lifetime member of New Hope United Methodist Church in Gloucester County, Virginia.

A funeral service will be held 11 AM Tuesday, May 20, 2025, at New Hope

United Methodist Church, 2489 Lewis B Puller Memorial Hwy, Saluda, VA 23149. The family will receive friends on Monday, May 19, 2025, from 7 pm to 9 pm at Vincent Funeral Home, 417 11th St. West Point, VA 23181.

In lieu of flowers donations can be made to a charity of your choice or New Hope United Methodist Church Building Fund, % William Smith, 30525 King William Road, West Point, VA 23181. The family asks attendees to dress casually to honor Joe's wishes.

# Cemetery Details

## New Hope United Methodist Church Cemetery

2489 Lewis B Puller Memorial Hwy.  
Saluda, VA 23149  
<http://www.newhopevaumc.org/>

# Previous Events

## Visitation

**MAY 19.** 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

Vincent Funeral Home, West Point Chapel  
417 11th St  
West Point, VA 23181  
(804) 843-2550

## Funeral Service

**MAY 20.** 11:00 AM (ET)

New Hope United Methodist Church  
2489 Lewis Puller Memorial Highway  
Saluda, VA 23149

# Tribute Wall

RW

“ *Rickie Willis lit a candle in memory of Joseph Ladell Fary*



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**Rickie Willis** - May 20, 2025 at 07:37 PM

DB

“ *Melvin & Fary Family, So very sorry to hear about Joes passing. My condolences sent to you all . Dolores Willis Beeler*

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**Dolores Willis Beeler** - May 18, 2025 at 07:15 PM

GF

“ *Our thoughts are with the family.*

*Carol and Gina*



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**Gina Fetterolf** - May 18, 2025 at 06:41 PM

CH

“ *Sorry to hear of Joe's passing. He kindly messaged me on Facebook last summer after he read of my husband's passing. He didn't recognize my husband's name but realized who I was after seeing mom, daddy's and Ray's name as having predeceased him. It meant a lot to me that he took the time to message me. Please know that I will be remembering all of you in prayer as you mourn his passing. God bless you. Cheryl Brooke Haynes*

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**Cheryl Haynes** - May 18, 2025 at 04:21 PM

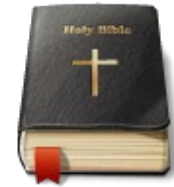
VB

“ To Melvin, Paula, Michael and the entire family. We are so sorry to hear of your great loss. Joe was a wonderful man and respected by all who knew him. I have fond memories of playing football against him back in high school. He was an awesome competitor. He will be fondly remembered and sorely missed.  
Vic and Sharon Britton

Vic and Sharon Britton - May 18, 2025 at 12:45 PM

TW

“ Sorry For Your Loss



Thomas Widgeon - May 18, 2025 at 06:49 AM

RS

“ Rhonda Swingle lit a candle in memory of Joseph Ladell Fary



Rhonda Swingle - May 17, 2025 at 09:28 PM

DH

“ David N Ann Hall lit a candle in memory of Joseph Ladell Fary



David n Ann Hall - May 17, 2025 at 08:12 PM

CH

“ Joe was a true friend and gave me the name “Bonehead” a few years ago, he thought that would get under my skin but it never did so it stuck. I’m going to miss you my friend forever my Bonehead #2



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**Connie Henry** - May 17, 2025 at 05:48 PM

WW

“ William And Susan Willis lit a candle in memory of Joseph Ladell Fary



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**William and Susan Willis** - May 17, 2025 at 01:36 PM

WB

“ 1 file added to the album Joe Memories



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**Will Burke** - May 17, 2025 at 12:15 PM

WB

Nancy and I pray for Melvin and the rest of the family. May God console them in their loss.  
I was a neighbor since 2008 and got to know Joe better when I visited in the hospital.

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**Will Burke** - May 17, 2025 at 12:16 PM

JM

“ *Jim Milby lit a candle in memory of Joseph Ladell Fary*



Jim Milby - May 17, 2025 at 12:13 PM

JB

“ *Prayers for the Family...*

Jerry Blanchard - May 17, 2025 at 10:18 AM

GC

“ *Melvin, family and friends,  
Cherish your precious memories  
I send my condolences.  
Gloria Couch (formerly Foster)*



Gloria Couch - May 17, 2025 at 09:20 AM

JB

“ *Melvin and family, sorry for your loss. So many memories of Joe from our twelve years of school together at Pleasant Hill. Always enjoyed catching up with him at our annual reunions, class of 1961. He will be missed. Jay (J.W.) and Susan Brown*

Jay Brown - May 17, 2025 at 08:26 AM

IC

*My deepest sympathy to the family. I too was a neighbor and knew Joe for many many years and his family. I remember his years in the Navy. He served our country well. Thank you, Joe now rest in peace. Irene Carlton Crump*

Irene Carlton Crump - May 17, 2025 at 09:49 AM

JW

*Thinking of you all at this time. Remember Joe well at PHHS.*

**Janie wampler** - May 17, 2025 at 11:14 AM

JP

“ *So sorry to hear about Joe. We send our love and sympathy to his family.* ”

**Judy and Glenn Palmer** - May 16, 2025 at 09:31 PM

JR

“ *John And Vickie Roane lit a candle in memory of Joseph Ladell Fary* ”



**john and vickie roane** - May 16, 2025 at 09:17 PM

WJ

“ *Wayne Jenkins lit a candle in memory of Joseph Ladell Fary* ”



**Wayne Jenkins** - May 16, 2025 at 07:59 PM

WJ

*It was with great sorrow that I learned of Joe's passing. Growing up, he was one I always looked up to. He was truly a legend to all of those who knew him. A few years ago I had the occasion to visit with him in his home. It had been many years since I had last seen him. We did a lot of catching up that day. Joe served his country with honor and was wounded off the coast of Vietnam. While visiting that day, we swapped "war stories" and when we talked about his Purple Heart, he got up and went into another room, returning with a vile that held the shrapnel that he had been hit with. I have countless memories of Joe and his family. It is hard to accept that he has left us, for he was larger than life, one who will be missed and remembered by those who had the good fortune to have known him. My heart felt condolences and prayers go out to Melvin and the rest of the family.*

Wayne Jenkins - May 16, 2025 at 08:25 PM



“ *Deepest condolences to the family. I had the privilege of working with Joe at the Center for several years before his retirement. His commitment to make the Center always appear pristine was a testament to his character. I had the pleasure of traveling to Nashville with him once for a conference. I do know he had a little anxiety about flying and had to "coax" him a bit on the return flight. But after arriving back in Richmond and we both stepped out of the terminal and looked at the sky and sensed snow, we both looked at each other and said "See you in a few hours". Joe's attention to the Center and making sure it was always ready for the employees the next day was unsurpassed by all others. A great man indeed.*

Terry Rodwell - May 16, 2025 at 07:29 PM

NB

“ *Nancy H. Bland lit a candle in memory of Joseph Ladell Fary*



Nancy H. Bland - May 16, 2025 at 07:22 PM



“ Lorie Carroll lit a candle in memory of Joseph Ladell Fary



Lorie Carroll - May 16, 2025 at 07:07 PM



Rest in Peace my forever friend.

Lorie Carroll - May 16, 2025 at 07:13 PM



Brenda and I are sorry for Joe passing. We are praying for Gods grace and mercy for each of you .

Lawrence Slade - May 17, 2025 at 10:41 AM



RIP my friend, till we meet again.

Rhonda Swingle - May 17, 2025 at 09:28 PM



RIP cousin Joe===Prayers for Melvin and the family

roger wtatt - May 17, 2025 at 10:49 PM



Melvin, I am so very sorry to hear about the loss of your dear brother, Joe. He was such a great friend of mine and best man in my wedding. I have such fond memories of he and I working together at different jobs after school. He will be greatly missed at our class reunions. My Deepest Sympathy to you and your entire family.

Clarence Bristow - May 18, 2025 at 01:40 PM



Clarence Bristow

Clarence Bristow - May 18, 2025 at 01:44 PM