



William Franklin "Frankie" Drudge III

July 10, 1947 - February 4, 2024

William Franklin "Frankie" Drudge, III, 76 of Lanexa, VA passed away to be with his Lord and Savior on February 4, 2024. He was an avid sportsman enjoying hunting and fishing. Frankie was a very talented athlete who played baseball and basketball in school and later coached many youth and school sports for his children and grandchildren, from T- Ball through high school. He retired from Anheuser Busch Brewery in Williamsburg, after many years of service.

Frankie was preceded in death by his parents, William F. and Agnes Drudge; a sister, Barbara Wornom and a grandson, Nathaniel Ogles. He is survived by two daughters, Michelle Fiorillo and her husband Jeff, Tracey Ovitt and her husband Roger; two sons, William "Billy" Drudge, IV and his wife Heather, and Joseph Drudge and his wife Lindsey; an uncle, Henry Drudge; his girlfriend, Harwood Hall; eight grandchildren, Kristin Drudge, Jessica "Apache" Ogles (Ricky), Amber Hall (Logan), Roger Ovitt, Jr., Connor Ovitt, Ryan Drudge, Kayleigh Drudge (Nick) and Kelsey Drudge; five great-grandchildren, Jaxson "Big Jack" Rose, Nathaniel Wallace, Mack Hyatt, Harper Hall and Logan Koshak; special friends, Dave Alger, Danny Mills and John "Suicide" Stevens, and many other family members and close friends.

The family will receive friends Tuesday, February 6th from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Olivet Baptist Church, 25338 The Trail, Mattaponi, VA 23110. A graveside

service will be held Wednesday 1 p.m. in Olivet Baptist Church Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to a local charity of your choice.

Cemetery Details

Olivet Baptist Church

25338 The Trail
Mattaponi, VA 23110

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 6. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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Graveside Service

FEB 7. 1:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

GF

“ Gabriel Fostek lit a candle in memory of William Franklin "Frankie" Drudge III



Gabriel Fostek - July 30, 2024 at 05:12 PM

JD

“ I'm so sorry that cousin Frankie has passed on . He was a character my first memory of him was a grand parents house in Remilk Virginia. Him and Danny Loving would always be fishing at mill pond next door. He definitely loved the outdoors. Im truly sorry I can't make it to either visitation or funeral service because of family medical issues but my thoughts are with the family. May Frankie rest high on that mountain his work on earth is done. RIP my cousin.

J.D. Davis - February 07, 2024 at 11:01 AM

WJ

“ Frankie and I started school together in the 1st grade at Pleasant Hill. While I haven't seen him in years, one of my most vivid memories goes back to the Spring of 1969. I had just returned from Vietnam and was on a 30-day leave. Frankie was in between jobs at the time, so he and I spent most days during that month hanging out. I recall we fished in quite a few ponds where admission was questionable, but Frankie assured me it was fine. We also spent two afternoons together at the New Kent County dump shooting rats. As I recall, we reduced the rat population at the dump by approximately 150 rats during those two afternoons. He was indeed quite the character as mentioned by others in their recollections. He was fun-loving and quite an accomplished hunter. In fact, he was quite the turkey hunter before it became so popular.

I mourn his passing, and while we have not been in contact for years, I was wondering just a few days ago how he was doing. We never know when we will get that call. My thoughts and prayers are with his family and those who also mourn his passing. He was truly one of a kind. Rest in peace, my friend!!!

Wayne Jenkins - February 07, 2024 at 09:40 AM

CL

“ Frankie and I were great friends in high school. We played basketball & baseball at West Point High School. What a character Frankie was . Haven't seen his in many years however will never forget him. Charles Lewis

Charles Lewis - February 06, 2024 at 02:27 PM

MP

“ *Mary G. Peace lit a candle in memory of William Franklin "Frankie" Drudge III*



Mary G. Peace - February 06, 2024 at 02:05 PM

EM

“ *Ernestine Hines Manning lit a candle in memory of William Franklin "Frankie" Drudge III*



Ernestine Hines Manning - February 06, 2024 at 11:38 AM

RB

“ *Ruth Burks lit a candle in memory of William Franklin "Frankie" Drudge III*



Ruth Burks - February 06, 2024 at 11:22 AM

WW

“ *William And Susan Willis lit a candle in memory of William Franklin "Frankie" Drudge III*



William and Susan Willis - February 06, 2024 at 10:35 AM

BL

“ *Brenda Lee lit a candle in memory of William Franklin "Frankie" Drudge III*



Brenda Lee - February 06, 2024 at 08:17 AM

TN

“ *I am so sorry to hear of the passing of Frankie. He and I spent years together playing baseball, hunting and just having fun together. He was one of a kind.*
Tim Norman

Tim L Norman - February 05, 2024 at 11:38 PM

BM

“ *Billy, Heather and family. We are so sorry to hear this. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all during this time.*



Betty Kacmarski Sullivan and Mac McDowel - February 05, 2024 at 07:58 PM

NB

“ *Nancy H. Bland lit a candle in memory of William Franklin "Frankie" Drudge III*



Nancy H. Bland - February 05, 2024 at 06:53 PM

PH

“ *Peggy Hogge lit a candle in memory of William Franklin "Frankie" Drudge III*



Peggy Hogge - February 05, 2024 at 06:32 PM

BD

“ *Billie Dean lit a candle in memory of William Franklin "Frankie" Drudge III*



Billie Dean - February 05, 2024 at 02:47 PM

JP

“ *This is so sad. Frankie and I went to school together. Lots of memories. Glenn and I send our love and sympathy to Harwood and all of his family.*

Judy Palmer - February 05, 2024 at 12:52 PM