



Dick Huffman

August 2, 1935 - February 15, 2021

C. Richard “Dick” Huffman, 85, of the Whitmell Community departed this life on Monday, February 15, 2021.

Dick was born in New Castle, VA on August 2, 1935, a son of the late Cecil Peck Huffman and Mamie Sue Sublett Huffman.

Dick was a graduate of Lynchburg College and later got his Master’s in Education from UVA. He retired from Pittsylvania County School System after 34 years of service. His last job title with the school system was Principal at Whitmell Elementary School. After his retirement Dick enjoyed farming especially with his son, Craig. He was a loving, caring father and grandfather who will be missed by his family and friends.

Dick proudly served his country in the United States Army as an MP.

Survivors include two daughters, Mitzi Wood (James), Melissa Clarke (Charles); two sons, Jeff Huffman (Lisa), Craig Huffman; a brother, David Huffman, a sister, Nell Ross; eight grandchildren, Brandi Weaver, Raegan Fuller, Megan Weatherford, Michael Wood, Jaime Wood, Jon Wood, Kayla Huffman, Ryan Huffman; and seven great-grandchildren.

A memorial service will be held at a later date.

The family suggest that memorial donations be made to Tunstall Fire Department at PO Box 575 Danville, VA 24543.

Wrenn-Yeatts Westover Chapel is serving the Huffman family.

Tribute Wall

VM

“ So sorry to hear of Mr. Huffman’s passing. He was my principal at Whitmell Elementary from 1978-1986. In later years he and his son would deliver wood to my parent’s house. And most recently I would see him and his son at Food Lion. Whether he really remembered me or not he always smiled like he did and had something funny to say. Rest In Peace Mr. Huffman!!



Vonetta Medrano - February 22, 2021 at 06:19 PM

RR

“ I have not seen Dick in the past 3 years and I have truly missed him. When we last spoke we talked about baseball, cows, and the good old days at Whitmell school. Over a period of 30 years and 20 plus schools, Dick was the biggest character in the entire school system. His personality was larger than life.

Ron Ross

ron ross - February 22, 2021 at 10:43 AM

MC

Thank you Ron. It is so wonderful to see and hear people speak of him so fondly.

Melissa Clarke - February 24, 2021 at 07:32 PM

RO

“ Mitzi and Family, I'm so sorry to hear of the loss of your father! Hold close your wonderful memories! I will keeping you all in my prayers!

Rhonda Owen - February 21, 2021 at 12:52 PM

CC

“ My condolences and prayers to Craig and the family. I have many fond memories of him coaching the baseball team at Whitmell High in 1957 and 1958. He often took home, those of us players who did not have a way after practices and games, at his expense. We were very disappointed the next year when we lost him to the U S Army. A Good Man and always fun to be around!

Charlie Crane

charlie crane - February 21, 2021 at 11:36 AM



“ A lot of my fondest memories come from the Whitmell school days. I bet nobody knew he was a dentist too! Mr Huffman is the only person I would let pull my teeth when they were loose! I would ask my teacher to take a trip to see him and he would get a tissue and wiggle my tooth out! He was a good man. So sorry to hear of his passing.

Billy N Nicole Bowman - February 21, 2021 at 08:00 AM

ST

“ We are so sorry for your loss. He was a pillar in the community. Gravley Family.

Stephanie Toliver - February 20, 2021 at 07:29 AM

MO

“ Sorry to hear about Dick's passing. I'll always have fond memories of working with him at Whitmell Elementary.

Marvin & Deborah Osborne

Marvin Osborne - February 19, 2021 at 03:28 PM

YI

“ *Your Friends at Intertape. purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Dick Huffman.*



Your Friends at Intertape. - February 19, 2021 at 01:36 PM

JR

“ *I extend my love and sympathy to the entire Huffman family. I was in his homeroom the first year he taught at Whitmell High School. I later became a family friend and shared many good times when the family lived in the home economics cottage, and then I taught for him as a third grade teacher. He was always the same - kind, fair, fun and wanted the best for everyone. Rest in peace dear friend.*

*With love,
Judy Robertson*

Judy Robertson - February 18, 2021 at 08:38 PM

VJ

My condolences to the family. Mr. Huffman was my principal at Whitmelle Elementary School. He was a great caring principal.

Verna Tina Jones- Jenkins - February 19, 2021 at 11:39 PM

WA

“ Dear family,
We are so sad for the loss of such a dear man. We remember when they had open house to meet and welcome him as the new Principal at Whitmell Farmlife School. Oh, how young he looked and we thought he had to just be out of High School. He was young and so very good with his students. He knew every one by name and was always so kind and gentle with them. So often we said our community was so blessed to have him guiding our children. "Death is a Heartache No one can Heal. Love is a Memory No one can Steal".
Please know we are remembering each of you with Our Love, Prayers, and deepest Sympathy.
Wayne and Lib Ashworth

Wayne and Lib Ashworth - February 18, 2021 at 04:59 PM

MB

“ Melissa Roach Bradford lit a candle in memory of Dick Huffman



Melissa Roach Bradford - February 18, 2021 at 03:37 PM

JM

“ Joey Maxie purchased the Gracious Lavender Basket for the family of Dick Huffman.



Joey Maxie - February 18, 2021 at 12:16 PM

JM

“ My deepest condolences to the Huffman family. My life has certainly been enriched and blessed by having the good fortunate knowing Mr. Huffman. Many many fond memories as he was so personable and a good man. I pray that the family can feel the comforting arms of our Lord and Savior during this difficult time. We are so blessed to have our Lord's reassurance that we will once again be reunited and I hope that can bring some comfort to each of you. May God bless and comfort each and everyone of you.

Joey Maxie

Joey Maxie - February 18, 2021 at 11:52 AM

TF

“ Tammy Foster lit a candle in memory of Dick Huffman



Tammy Foster - February 18, 2021 at 07:57 AM

“ I clicked on "Share a memory" so I will share one my family enjoyed for years. My mother, Imogen Ramey, taught with Dick Huffman when Whitmell was a high school. She shared many stories of their antics, and they remained good friends after she stopped teaching. Mr. Huffman had such a great sense of humor. He would often call Mama to share something funny that happened at school because he was free to laugh with her about it since she no longer worked there. Well, one day when I was in 3rd or 4th grade, I wore a navy blue, crocheted vest my older sister, Diane, had made for me. My first teacher asked if I thought Diane would make her a red one for \$8. I said I didn't see why not, so I wrote down her name, size and color. Well, my other teachers also asked if they could order vests. Word got around and several more placed orders in the cafeteria during lunch, and I wrote everything down on my list. Well, after lunch, Mr. Huffman heard I was selling something and had me come to the office. He asked me what I was selling and I told him it was vests like what I was wearing. He explained that it was against the rules to sell things at school. I was so embarrassed and started to cry and asked, "Then why did the teachers order them?" He looked me funny and said, "What do you mean?" I pulled the list out of my pocket and gave it to him. I remember he looked at it for a long time, then told me to go back to class. I found out a few years later that he immediately called Mama. She said when she picked up the phone, he was laughing so hard, he was crying and could hardly talk. So he told her what I did, and she was horrified and started to apologize but, still laughing so hard he could hardly talk, he said, "No, no - Sally's fine. She won't do it again. But Imogen! Hahahaha! She's got orders here from at least 15 teachers! Hahahaha! Most of them ordered more than one! Hahahaha! They're all supposed to know better! But now, I've got to have a talk with every single one of them! Hahahaha!"

The entire Ramey family loved Dick Huffman. He touched the lives of so many kids, and thus, so many families. Our hearts go out to Jeff, Mitzi, Melissa, Craig, and the rest of the family.

Sally Ramey - February 18, 2021 at 01:05 AM

LD

“ I will always remember Mr. Huffman calling me to ask if I would like to teach at Whitmell. I had just graduated from college and I was so excited to begin my teaching career. I had worked at Whitmell for three summers as a teacher's aide in Summer Kindergarten. I would continue to teach for seventeen years with Mr. Huffman as my principal until he retired. He was a wonderful principal. He loved his faculty, staff and students. He took care of all of us. If school was dismissed early because of snow, Mr. Huffman would call his teachers to see if we got home safely. Several times when the roads were very dangerous, he even let me ride the bus home with my own children. May God bless your precious family with sweet memories.

Lee Ann Dillion

Lee Ann Dillion - February 17, 2021 at 10:49 PM

MJ

“ So sorry to hear of this loss! Our prayers are with all of the family during this time of great loss! Mr. Huffman was always a great and fair principle!

Mark Johnson - February 17, 2021 at 02:43 PM

DM

So sorry for your loss. Sending you all lots of prayers.

David and Anna Maxey - February 17, 2021 at 09:55 PM

PM

“ Craig and family, I am so sorry for your loss. Dick was a wonderful man and loved his family so much. He will be greatly missed. My prayers are with you during this time.
Peg Mayhew

Peg Mayhew - February 17, 2021 at 11:24 AM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Dick Huffman.



February 17, 2021 at 09:53 AM

LR

“ Craig, Larry & I are so sorry of the passing of your dad. He was greatly respected by all who knew him and a loyal friend to many. It's very little we can say or do to ease the loss of one who meant so much to you, but I hope you can find some comfort just knowing that we understand & care, & will be praying for you & your family.
Sincerely, Larry & Marie

larry & Marie Reed - February 17, 2021 at 09:40 AM

TB

“ I re.ember Mr. Huffman s a fine principal at Whitmell Elementary school!! I only had to visit his office once in my seven years there. My best friend and I was playing in the cafeteria which landed me in Mr Huffman's office!! He was a kind man a d will be missed.

Teresa Burnette - February 17, 2021 at 08:50 AM

JH

“ Herbert and I were friends. With Dick from his early days at Whitmell. He and Herbert. played baseball together during his first years there. We became best friends with him and enjoyed our friendship for many years. We saw him at the doctors office not to long ago and it was wonderful to see him and remember days gone by, it. made our week! I know those two are playing catch-up about now! Yes, he was a good man and he will be truly missed. His family was special to him. Craig, you did a great job caring for him. May God fill you all with peace. Until we meet again on the shores of Jorden! Love to each one of his family!

Joan Holley - February 17, 2021 at 08:44 AM

GW

“ Rest In Peace Mr Huffman! Prayers to all of the family!!!

George F Washington - February 16, 2021 at 11:43 PM

LH

“ Sending sincere sympathy to Dick's family. He was the best boss I ever had and a truly fine man who cared for everyone. I once was concerned about the actions of my then first grader. He said Linda, He is just a boy and he will be just fine. And he was. So sorry for your loss.

Linda Holley - February 16, 2021 at 11:19 PM

WC

“ He was a wonderful Principal to work under. My condolences to the family,

Wanda Carter - February 16, 2021 at 11:17 PM

WS

“ Mr Dick Huffman was a joy to be around and talk with. The Stapp family extends our most sincere condolences and prayers to the family at this sad time. Dick will be sorely missed. Sincerely William (Willy) Stapp and family.

Willy Stapp - February 16, 2021 at 11:12 PM

MA

“ Dock was a great educator and loved his students as his own . Wonderful man in every way . We have lost a good one and heaven has gained one of the best . 🙏

Maurice & Trudy Lovern

Maurice - February 16, 2021 at 10:25 PM

ML

“ Maurice & Trudy Lovern lit a candle in memory of Dick Huffman



Maurice & Trudy Lovern - February 16, 2021 at 10:19 PM