



Edsel Philip John Burcham

July 25, 1943 - January 3, 2025

Edsel Philip John Burcham, 81, of Winchester, VA, passed away peacefully, on Friday, January 3, 2025.

He was born July 25, 1943 in Frederick County, VA, son of John R. & Verna Hooke Burcham.

He is survived by his wife of 52+ years, Linda Karen Berry Burcham and his son Christopher Scott Burcham, of Winchester, VA; his faithful canine companion Bailey; a sister, Joyce Burcham Flowers also of Winchester; five nephews and four nieces.

He was preceded in death by his brother Arlen Burcham and his sister Shannon April Burcham Armel.

Edsel obtained the rank of Sergeant on a tank crew in the Virginia Army National Guard.

Professionally, he worked for 55+ years as a shipping associate for Rubbermaid Commercial Products. Prior to his retirement in February 2024, he was recognized globally as one of the most tenured employees of the company.

He was known for his love of Fords in both drag racing and in NASCAR. He also enjoyed rooting on the San Francisco 49'ers and going camping with his family.

A service will be 11:00 AM Friday, Jan. 17th at Phelps Funeral Chapel 311 Hope Drive Winchester. Burial will be in Mt. Hebron Cemetery.

Friends will be received 7-9 PM Thursday, Jan. 16th in the funeral home.

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN **16**. 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

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“ Edsel was a great friend starting in our teenage years. We had many laughs and a lot of fun which mostly were shared with his & my brothers. The times we all would go to the Drive-in or the spare of the moment trip to Washington DC, the good old days. Marriage & raising family separated all of us, but we still ran into each other often enough to catch up and share a good laugh. Edsel, you were a fine friend and family man. Rest in peace and may we meet up again in the not so distance future. Ray

R. M. Shifflett - June 03, 2025 at 12:46 AM

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“ It was a great joy to work with such a great man. He will be missed by many he has made a lasting impact on. Prayers for the family during this difficult time. Fly High 🙏
Much love,
David Carlyle

David Carlyle - January 17, 2025 at 10:50 PM