



## Ralph Christian Mason, Jr.

November 11, 1957 - December 17, 2025

Ralph Christian Mason, Jr., 68, of Winchester died Wednesday, December 17, 2025 in Winchester Medical Center.

He was born November 11, 1957 in Mt. Carmel, Illinois, the son of Ralph, Sr., and Fletta Beard Mason.

He was married to his high school sweetheart, Tamara Forshey Mason for 47 years. Together, they raised their two children in Stephens City, Virginia and retired happily with their pack of miniature dachshunds.

Professionally, he began his career in the Oil Fields of Ohio and, after relocating to Virginia, working as a heavy equipment operator. Ralph proudly retired as the Supervisor of the Grounds and Maintenance division at Washington Dulles International Airport. In his free time, he enjoyed spending time with his family, especially giving his grandchildren and great grandchildren rides on his John Deere tractor. His love for the game of football and the Pittsburgh Steelers was only eclipsed by the love he had for his wife and family.

In addition to his wife Tamara, mother Fletta, and older sister Jewell (Dewight Albaugh), he is survived by his children, Jayme Mason of Winchester, and Ralph Mason, III (Lisa Aubrey) of Stephens City; grandchildren, Taylor Huntsberry (Dylan Cline) and Bryce Huntsberry (Ryleigh Strosnider) all of Winchester; Baylee Mason, and Ralph 'Ian' Mason, IV; great-grandchildren, Adalynn and Ila Mae Cline.

His father Ralph Sr., and in-laws, Hugh and Erma Forshey preceded him in

death.

A visitation will be 5-7:00 pm Monday, December 29, 2025 in Phelps Funeral Chapel 311 Hope Drive Winchester,

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC **29**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Phelps Funeral & Cremation Service

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# Tribute Wall

LG

“ Man, to know this guy is to love him!!! Truly cannot say enough nice things about him, there wouldn't be enough space on this page or time in the day. He will wholeheartedly be missed!! Rest Easy Mr. Mason! Love Always, Marcus & Lori

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**Lori Grove** - December 30, 2025 at 12:53 PM

SM

“ Got to meet Chris when he come to work at dulles. Worked many projects with him. He always was 100% and took pride in his position . Could always count on him with every task he was assigned. He will most definitely be missed .

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**Steve McIntosh ( Mac)** - December 28, 2025 at 05:13 PM

VH

“ I am sad to hear of Chris' death. My sympathies to Tammy and family. I remember Chris as a great classmate with an infectious smile. Rest in Peace my friend.

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**Van Hoyt** - December 27, 2025 at 08:44 AM

CS

“ While working at Dulles Airport I had the opportunity to work with Chris. He was a real family man and a hard worker. It was a joy working with Chris over the years. You will be dearly missed my friend. Rest in Peace.  
Craig Smoot

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**Craig Smoot** - December 24, 2025 at 03:42 PM

SS

“ I had the privilege of working with Chris at Dulles Airport. He was a great collaborator with great ideas. He was a dedicated part of all the Dulles Day activities and would take personal responsibility to make sure anything used for the event was put away and easily found the next year. He took great pride in the airport and always strived to make sure things looked their best. Chris was also a great family man- he would often tell us about sporting events and other activities the kids and grandkids were involved in, he would also bring Tammy along for many events for the airport that included her going to Buffalo for snow symposium. She was the love of his life. Rest easy my friend, we will miss you.

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**Stephen Settle** - December 23, 2025 at 08:56 AM