



Ronald Kaye Parnell

April 15, 1939 - May 26, 2024

Ronald Kaye Parnell, 85, of Winchester died Sunday, May 26, 2024 in Winchester Medical Center.

He was born April 15, 1939 in Rockingham, NC the son of William and Elizabeth Baxley Parnell.

He was married to Carolyn June Parnell for 56 years until her passing in 2016.

Professionally, he retired from the US Coast Guard after 20 years of service and went on to be head of security at Loyola and Goucher Colleges.

In his spare time he enjoyed classic movies, and all sports.

He is survived by his children, Sandra Parnell-Dowell and her husband, Timothy of Mt. Airy, MD, Sue Ann Lund and her husband, Joseph of Ocean Pines, MD; grandchildren, Brittany Smith and her husband Jaykob, Emily McQuerrey and her husband Joe, Taylor Boone and her husband Steven, Jessica Geilfuss and her husband Tom, Kelly Lund, and Chloe Dowell; great-grandchildren, Theodore & Arthur McQuerrey, August Boone, Harper & Sadie Geilfuss.

His seven siblings preceded him in death.

A service will be 1:00 pm Monday in Phelps Funeral Chapel 311 Hope Drive officiated by Pastor Tim Dowell. Burial will follow the service in Shenandoah Memorial Park. Casket bearers will be his granddaughters.

Friends will be received an hour prior to the service in the funeral home.

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 3. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (ET)

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Sue Lund - October 19, 2025 at 08:05 PM

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Sue Lund - September 29, 2025 at 03:33 PM

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“ Condolences to the family...I recall serving with Ron in Kodiak AK on CGC Confidence in the early 70s...shared many harrowing fisheries patrols in the Bering Sea as well as good times back ashore as a bowling team partner.....Bill Anderson USCG ret

BILL Anderson - October 29, 2024 at 11:42 AM

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Bill, Thank you for your kind words. Dad always spoke fondly of his Coast Guard days and all he served with those many years.

Sandra Parnell-Dowell - June 28, 2025 at 07:32 PM