



## Archie Ray Mullins

February 9, 1927 - November 17, 2017

Archie Ray Mullins, age 90, passed away Friday, November 17, 2017 at Heritage Hall Nursing Home in Clintwood, Virginia. He was born in Dickenson County, moved to Northern Virginia for a time, and returned to Dickenson County where he lived the last twenty years of his life. He was of the Christian faith and a veteran of World War II where he served in the U S Army. He was preceded in death by his parents, Ezra and Gladys Mullins and his brother, Jackie Mullins.

Survivors Include:

One Son: Darrel Mullins of Glade Springs, Virginia

One Daughter: Phyllis Mullenax of Bristol, Virginia

Two Brothers: Harry Lee Mullins of Manassas, Virginia and Elmer Mullins of Clintwood, Virginia

One Sister: Jean Reedy of Culpepper, Virginia

Five Grandchildren: Michelle, Jennifer, Jason, Brandon, and Ashley

A host of nieces and nephews

The family will receive friends Monday, November 20, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. at Mullins Funeral Home Chapel with a song service to follow. Funeral services will be conducted Tuesday, November 21, 2017 at 11:00 a.m. at Mullins Funeral Home Chapel with Lester Mullins officiating. A VFW graveside service conducted by VFW post 8979 will immediately follow. Burial will be in Phipps Memorial Cemetery, Clintwood, Virginia.

Family and friends will serve as pallbearers.

# Tribute Wall

GM

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I always cherished the conversations that we shared, though sometimes our visits lasted only a few minutes. I enjoyed seeing him driving up the road after a trip to town. He would leisurely drive at about the speed that would cause a walking, healthy man to slow down, if he wished keep pace. His window would be down, smoke from his pipe would be slowly exiting his vehicle, and the world would seem to slow down to accommodate him. Worldly concerns seem to evaporate at his appearance.  
During one of our humorous conversations, he spoke about an event that transpired prior to that date. He had ordered a fairly inexpensive part for his riding lawnmower. The part had been ordered from another town, whose name I cannot recall, but the part that arrived was the wrong part. He called the business to discuss the issue. A nice lady on the other end of the phone was able to verify the mistake and properly identify the proper part. Upon Ray asking if the part could be mailed to him, the lady asked where he lived. After stating that he lived outside of Clintwood, the lady said that Clintwood was only an hour or so away. Ray, in his usual voice said, ‘Well, I’d like to come back’. :-)  
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**Gary W Mullins** - December 19, 2017 at 02:19 PM

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**Dana Sullivan** - December 19, 2017 at 02:18 PM

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**Edna Holland** - December 19, 2017 at 02:18 PM

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**Danny L Edwards** - December 19, 2017 at 02:18 PM

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**Jerry Lee Mullins** - November 19, 2017 at 12:49 AM