



Ronald Farris Fleming

February 17, 1942 - January 22, 2026

Ronald Farris Fleming, age 83 of Clintwood, Virginia, went to his eternal heavenly home on Thursday, January 22, 2026. Farris was born to the late Dewey and Georgia (Killen) Fleming on February 17, 1942. He grew up on his parents small farm on Lower Georges Fork and attended Dickenson Memorial High School. After high school, he enlisted in the United States Army where he served from 1960-66 in which he obtained rank as a staff sergeant, based mainly in Alaska. Farris provided for and helped raise three sons. He made it a mission in life to love his neighbors as himself, in which he continually shined his light brightly and made everyone he met smile or laugh. Farris became beloved in the Clinchco community in his younger years while delivering the mail on Rt. 1, always leaving a piece of bubble gum in the box and gifts for the kids at Christmas time. He abided by the old postal creed of completing his deliveries in the rain, hail, sleet or snow. He also became very well known for his steadfast friendship, reliability, and willingness to serve others. Farris's banjo picking, tricks, pranks, biscuits and gravy, and homemade wine making left people grinning and their bellies satisfied. Many people knew Farris by his nicknames "Mail Buzzard" and CB handle, "Stamp Licker", but his grandchildren knew him simply as "Pa". Farris was a dedicated Masonic lodge member for 53 years which included Allied Masonic Degrees. After retiring from the Postal Service, Farris committed his time to his family, fishing, scuba diving, and a successful custom upholstery business located near Camp Jacob, where he served his community with quality work and fair prices. In recent years he and his wife Rosalie enjoyed their time as part-time snowbirds in Florida. In addition to his parents, Farris was preceded in death by his brothers, Tarncie, Ivan "Burr", and Jim Fleming, sisters, Maxie Davis, Lurie Willis, and Juanita Mullins, son, Dwain Fleming, bonus son, Scott C. Mullins, grandson, Jesse Fleming, father-in-law and mother-in-law Ferd & Icy McCowan, mother of his children, Mary Fleming, along with several beloved sisters-in-law, brothers-in-law, nieces, and nephews. Farris is survived by his wife of 33 years, Rosalie (McCowan) Fleming, twin sons, Larry (Donna) Fleming, Garry (Karey) Fleming, and by bonus daughter, Summer (Jimmy) Runyon, all of Clintwood. By his siblings, Peg Wiggington and brother Virgil Fleming, both of Clintwood. He is also survived by grandchildren Tonya Butts, Tabitha (Jack) Wallace, Greg (Kelsey) Fleming, Nikki (Chad) Bartlett, Nathaniel (Kaylee) Fleming, Amanda (Chris) Hodges,

Airica Dotson, and Nicholas Dotson, along with 17 great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren on the way.

Family and friends are invited to gather for a celebration of Farris's life at the Mullins Funeral Home chapel on Wednesday, January 28, beginning with visitation at 11:30 a.m., followed by service at 1:00 p.m. with Brother Randy Carter officiating, with the Clintwood masonic lodge and Big Stone Gap VFW and Gate City Honor Guard team to take part in Farris's home going. A private burial will follow at the Dewey Fleming Cemetery on Camp Jacob Rd., Clintwood. Pallbearers will be family and friends. The family would like to express gratitude to Dr. Shepard and the staff at the Veterans Affairs clinic in Norton, along with the doctors and staff who contributed to Farris's medical care, as well as the Clintwood Masonic Lodge, Georges Fork Church, and the Mullins Funeral Home staff. In lieu of flowers, the family asks that you please make a donation in memory of Farris to a veteran-based charity or ministry of your choice.

Mullins Funeral Home and staff are serving the Fleming family.

Cemetery Details

Dewey Fleming cemetery

Camp Jacob road
Clintwood, VA 24228

Previous Events

Funeral Service

JAN 28. 1:00 PM (ET)

Mullins Funeral Home and Crematory
210 Main Street
P O Box 928
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(276) 926-4646
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Tribute Wall



“ *Mullins Funeral Home and Crematory created a Tribute Video in memory of Ronald Farris Fleming*



Mullins Funeral Home and Crematory - January 27 at 11:50 AM

TB

Such a Kind and Gentle Man. Always had a smile and up to something lol. I guess the boys got it Honestly lol. Garry Larry and Summer, I am so sorry for the loss of your father ..I am here for you Always just call. I Love you dearly. Prayers for you all .. 🌸🕊️



Tammy Branham - January 27 at 03:17 PM

DH

the most generous and best neighbor Ive ever known Loved him like famiy

Darrell Horne - January 28 at 10:50 PM

PM

“ *Paul Jessee Mullins lit a candle in memory of Ronald Farris Fleming*



Paul Jessee Mullins - January 29 at 10:03 AM

BD

“ *Bernard D. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Ronald Farris Fleming.*

Bernard D. - January 28 at 11:17 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Ronald Farris Fleming.*



January 27 at 09:49 PM

JJ

“ Judy Smith, Kendra, Brian, and Jennifer planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Ronald Farris Fleming.

Judy Smith, Kendra, Brian, and Jennifer - January 27 at 09:49 PM

RM

“ Roma Mullins lit a candle in memory of Ronald Farris Fleming



Roma Mullins - January 27 at 03:05 PM

BP

“ Rosalee I'm so sorry for your lose.
I never met Farris I always enjoyed his posts on Facebook he'll be missed.
God Bless you 🙏

Barbara Puckett - January 26 at 11:17 PM

PK

“ So very sorry to hear about Farris. Although, I never met him as I know of, but my late husband, Donald spoke of him often. I guess they were cousins, as Ellen was his mother, and probably a sister to Georgia. I wish to extend my deepest sympathy to his wife and children and all the rest of his family.
Phyllis(Presley) Kennedy, (Mrs. Don Kennedy) Norton, Va.

Phyllis Presley Kennedy - January 26 at 07:27 PM

DR

“ Rosalee and family,

Farris was always known as one of the good guys. May our Precious Lord bring love, peace and comfort to you and this precious family. It has been a pleasure to know him over the many years that have passed.

Damon and Bobbi

Damon A Rasnick - January 26 at 05:52 PM

AB

“ You sure was a good one ! You will be missed all I can say you always brought shine wherever you went ! 💔

Anita Bloodgood - January 26 at 04:31 PM