



Roy Leonard Rankin

December 22, 1929 - May 10, 2014

Roy Leonard Rankin (84)

On May 10, 2014, Roy Leonard Rankin passed away unexpectedly while recovering from surgery after a fall. Passing away at 84 years young, Leonard is survived by his loving wife of 62 years, Barbara Ann Granger Rankin.

Leonard was very proud of his three children, Pamela Rankin of Burke VA, Terrance Rankin and his wife Tamara Rankin of Dumfries VA, and James Rankin and his wife Nicola of Somerset England. He adored his grandchildren Jessica, Shannon, Kaitlyn, Brett, Tessa and Carl Rankin, and his great grandson Nathan Kruse.

Born in the beautiful Shenandoah Valley in Augusta County, VA, Leonard was preceded in death by his parents Walter James Rankin and Sadie Bunch Rankin, his brothers Howard and Carl Rankin, and two of his sisters Charlotte Houff and Mary Catherine Cline. He is survived by one sister, Evelyn Kirby. Proud owner of the Rose Hill Barber Shop for 45 years, Leonard cut the hair of more than 4 generations of some Franconia families. Although he retired 20 years ago, Roy was still cutting hair on Saturdays until the day he fell.

Leonard was a long time member and past president of the Springfield-Franconia Lions Club, and co-founder of the still running Springfield-Franconia Flea Market. He was also a long-time member of the Franconia United Methodist Church and a vital member of the church's "Friday Fun Bunch".

Leonard also belonged to the Alexandria-Washington Masonic Lodge No.22.

Leonard's granddaughter Jessica said it best on her Facebook page:

Having a grandparent is like having another parent except you won't get in trouble! Papa was never one to fuss at us, instead he'd take us to the garage to help him build something or to play in the attic! He was notorious for sneaking us lollipops when we'd come to the barber shop. Even when they told him he couldn't work, he'd still come in and cut hair. Papa was one of the best men on this earth And while I'd like to say he's at rest now I know that's not true..he's probably already hard at work up in heaven. Love you always
papa

Leonard didn't travel the world, but he traveled up and down Franconia Road enough to circle the globe several times.

Services will be held on May 29th at 12n at the Franconia United Methodist Church, 6037 Franconia Road, Alexandria, VA.

Donations in Roy Leonard Rankin's honor may be made to:

Springfield Franconia Host Lions Club
PO Box 73
Springfield, 22150

Franconia United Methodist Church
6037 Franconia Road
Alexandria, VA 22310

Tribute Wall



“ Roy Leonard Rankin

October 27, 2022 at 09:45 PM



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“ I just found Mr. Rankin's obituary. I am so sorry to hear of his passing. I spent many days at the Rankin household playing with Pam, my best friend in second grade. We all spent many hours at Franconia United Methodist together, as well as in Mr. Rankin's barbershop. I haven't seen you for a long time, but I still will miss you always. Donna Jenkins Hamcke

July 31, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ So sad to hear of Roy's passing. I worked in his shop one summer over 25 years ago- sweeping, cleaning & running errands. His advice and guidance has stuck with me ever since. My condolences to his family in this time of loss.

May 31, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ Roy was a nicest person and Friend you will ever meet I new him a long time and my dad would bring me ever Saturday to get his hair and I,d be there talking to Roy and Scott and cutting up with laughter and drinking a Coke out of Roy,s Machine that was only .10. God Bless him Roy will be missed no one can fill his shoes.

May 31, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ Rankin family... we could not attend the service due to another family passing... We sincerely express our sadness to all the family... We have known Roy for 50 years and we enjoyed his wit and kindness many times.. We would not have what we have today without his help... He was a mainstay to the community and people of Franconia. We will miss him forever.

May 30, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ My prayers are with you at this time.

May 25, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ Roy was such a great person and I really miss being able to have him cut my hair since I have moved to Michigan. He was a kind and generous person and our Lions Club benefited so much from his membership and participation. We feel very fortunate to have had Roy in our life.

May 23, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ Roy Rankin,
He was a kind Man and he was
nice to Visit at the barber shop me and my dad Don Weber would
go down every Saturday and I,d be there with a Coke
and I would be talking to Roy and he would give me a lollipop. Roy
was down to earth to every body he new. God Bledd that I got to
know Roy.

May 22, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ I've had the privilege of knowing the Rankin family for over 30
years. Mr. Rankin was always there for his family always in a kind
and gentle manner. If only everyone could see the world through is
eyes where everything has a solution and no problem is too big. He
brought joy to so many people and his family is gifted to have him in
their lives and to have shared him with so many. He was a very
funny man. I know the hole in his family's hearts will be filled with
great memories and stories. He has left a legacy in each of them
that will live on forever. My heartfelt sadness goes out to the entire
family. -- Wendy Entwistle

May 19, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ Very sad news. Roy was a fixture at the Rose Hill Barbershop and
only recently did I learn that he was the original owner - we had a
very nice chat the last time we spoke.

May 18, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ Dearest Mrs. Rankin, Pam, Terry & James,
Great sadness descended upon me as I learned of our great loss. I was fortunate enough to grow up between the Rankin/Corbin property lines! We shared birthday parties, summer beach trips, holiday celebrations, sister/brother conflicts many other Franconia and Springfield memories. As a child, I KNEW Mr. Rankin was the richest man alive. He'd come home from the barbershop with a bag of money and Pam and I (as the oldest) would sit in the middle of the floor and help him count it. He's the only other man, besides my father, to have rocked me to sleep during an anxious sleepover--this is my most tender memory of him. The timber of his voice and his huge hug will be greatly missed. We were traveling through Virginia last weekend and would have joined in grieving with the Rankin family if only we had known. Prayers and comfort to you all, Teresa Corbin Wohlman

May 18, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ Barbara,
Memories I have of Leonard are of gentle and kind spirit giving love wherever he was...definitely, heaven is his. Love to you and to your family. Nancy and Ron Angelelli

May 16, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ Pam and family, we are so sorry for your loss! Thoughts and Prayers,

May 16, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ Our hearts are broken, we will always miss our dear friend.

May 16, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ You will be missed.

May 15, 2014 at 12:00 AM



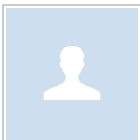
“ Roy was a special and dear friend. He will be missed.
John Garilli and \"Gracie\"

May 15, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ Leonard has been in my family for almost 63 years..he was a great brother-in-law and always there if you needed help. He will be greatly missed by all.

May 14, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ Leonard had such a beautiful smile and delightful sense of humor. I love visiting the Rankin home and being surrounded by the beauty of the landscape he and Barbara created. Leonard was part of our sorority dances, going to Riverside Dinner Theatre plays and our socials. He even participated in our Downton Abby Event. A delightful man - he will be missed here and by many. Peace to each of you who are family and friends. May the Lord comfort you and keep you in his loving arms during this difficult time.

May 14, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ We have know Leonard for many years and have met many others who call him friend and a good man. He has been a good friend of ours and we became family when his son and our daughter were united in marriage. We know the pain and sorrow being experienced at this time. Our prayer is that each member of the family will feel God\’s presence during this difficult period as they seek comfort and understanding. We are confident that as his life is reflected upon by each of us and his relationship and place in our lives, understanding will be found in God\’s Will. We give thanks to God for the way he brings us through periods of sadness and uncertainty; we give thanks for his mercy, love and goodness.

May 14, 2014 at 12:00 AM