



## Earl Gilmer Zirkle

June 9, 1938 - November 15, 2023

Little River, SC – Earl Gilmer Zirkle

Earl Gilmer Zirkle, a beloved husband, father, uncle and papaw, passed away peacefully on November 15, 2023, in Little River SC, following a 14-year battle with Alzheimer's and recent congestive heart failure. Born in East Stone Gap, VA on June 9, 1938, he was the son of George McNeal Zirkle and Bonnie Jane Burton Zirkle.

He was preceded in death by his parents, his brother Samuel Zirkle, sisters, Janice Willis and Brenda Givens.

He is survived by his wife of 57 years Lannis Sizemore Zirkle and his daughter Kimberly Jane Zirkle and many loved nieces and nephews. He also leaves behind his beloved grandson, Gabriel Lewis Bryan and Scotty and Shelly Bryan.

Earl retired in 1986 from Dixie Container in Richmond VA. He was a deacon at Manchester Baptist Church, Richmond VA where he was saved and gave his life to Christ. He loved his church family at Manchester as well as Oak Forest Baptist Church in Chesterfield County VA, where he attended for 28 years. He was also blessed to make immediate friends at First Baptist Church of North Myrtle Beach, when he moved to Little River, SC in September 2022.

Earl loved to fish, coach softball, root for the Virginia Cavaliers, dancing at Quarles and Hardees with his friends and loving wife. He started losing his eyesight at a young age, but that did not stop him from enjoying life to the fullest. He loved the beach but his heart was always in the mountains. He was indeed blessed by the Lord and is now with his Savior in heaven in a new body that can see all his loved ones that went before him.

As we remember Earl, please give someone a smile, tell a joke and make sure to laugh as these were three things he liked to do for others.

The family will receive friends on Saturday, November 25, 2023, at Holding Funeral Home in Big Stone Gap, from 11:00 am – 1:00 pm. The funeral service will be conducted following in the funeral home's chapel with Pastor Glen Hylton officiating. Graveside services will immediately follow the service in Powell Valley Memorial Gardens.

Family and friends will serve as pallbearers.

An online register is available for the family at [www.holdingfuneralhome.com](http://www.holdingfuneralhome.com)

Holding Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements.

# Cemetery Details

## Powell Valley Memorial Gardens

5650 Powell Valley Road  
Big Stone Gap, VA 24219  
(276) 679-0030

# Previous Events

## Visitation

NOV **25**. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Holding Funeral Home, Inc.  
17 E. 3rd St., N.  
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## Service

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*Graveside to follow.*



# Tribute Wall



“ *Serene Reflections Bouquet was purchased for the family of Earl Gilmer Zirkle.*



November 22, 2023 at 12:29 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Earl Gilmer Zirkle.*



November 21, 2023 at 12:54 PM



“ *Dear Kim & Lannis , My fondest memory was 2 Sundays ago when he came to church with Lannis. He looked good, had that sweet smile we always looked forward to in Sunday School. I had the privelege to sit in church service where I could see him accross the way. Was so warmed and amazed watching him singing along with the hymns and smiling all the while. He knew every word! I know we will all miss him here, yet as believers we know we will meet him again When That Roll is Called Up Yonder! Bless you all as you learn adjust to life without him physically here yet I know you will have sweet memories, and one day see him again. Love In Christ, Renee Emert*

**Renee M Emert** - November 21, 2023 at 07:23 AM

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“ So sorry to hear of your loss. I always loved you Lannis and Earl and Kim. We had some good times of worship at Manchester Baptist Church. My prayers are with you all. 🙏🙏🙏 Judy Royall Oldham

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**Judy Royall Oldham** - November 20, 2023 at 12:07 PM