



Paul E. Dickenson

July 22, 1946 - March 28, 2026

Paul Dickenson, 79, of Big Stone Gap, VA

Paul Dickenson, age 79, passed into eternal glory on Saturday, March 28, 2026, at Heritage Hall in Wise.

Paul was born in Corbin, Kentucky, the son of the late Grover and Verna Laney Dickenson. He grew up in Crackers Neck, Virginia, coming from a large family where he learned the value of hard work and providing for those he loved. Paul began working in construction at a young age and spent his entire career building homes and commercial buildings. While living in Florida, he was a licensed contractor.

Paul dedicated over a decade of his life to coaching Little League, investing in the youth of his community. After retiring from construction, he continued serving others by working at Holding Funeral Home, where he built relationships just as he had built homes—with care and dedication.

He was married to the love of his life, Florence “P-Nut” Dickenson. Paul was a devoted father, grandfather, great-grandfather, brother, and friend.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his beloved wife, Florence “P-Nut” Dickenson; his parents, Grover and Verna (Laney)

Dickenson; his brothers, Don Dickenson, Ronald "Bug" Dickenson, and Terry Dickenson; and his nephew, Jordy Dickenson.

Paul is survived by his children: Wayne "Goober" Dickenson and his wife Nora; Paula Dickenson; Scooter Dickenson and his wife Roseanna; Buddy Ross; Dustin Blanken; and Ashley Dickenson. He is also survived by his great-grandchildren: Aryanna, Jordan, Dallas, Ian, Ezlyn, Sophia, Aubrey, Ellie, and Skylynn.

He leaves behind his siblings: Flossie Spears; Roger Dickenson and his wife Marketta of Dryden, Virginia; his sister-in-law Kathy Dickenson of East Stone Gap, Virginia; and Mary Ann Dickenson (Kenny) of East Stone.

In addition, Paul is survived by many nieces and nephews, including: Darlene Fleenor and her husband Mike; Jennifer Webb and her husband Arvil; Rhonda Elkins and her husband Denvy; Emily Dickenson; Travis Dickenson; Fred Dorton and his wife Cindy; Brian Dorton and his wife Candy; Kevin Dorton and his wife Rachel; Don Dorton and his wife Heather; Danny Dorton; Mandy Jesse; Misty Spears; Rhonda Collins; Brandi Elkins and husband Mike, Rocky Cooper of Tn.; and Braden Dickenson, along with many other close relatives and friends.

The family will receive friends on Monday, March 30, 2026, at Holding Funeral Home in Big Stone Gap from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. The funeral service will follow at 7:00 p.m. with Pastor James Ray Holcomb officiating. Special music will be provided by Glimpse of Grace.

Interment at Barker Family Cemetery will be held on Tuesday, March 31, 2026, at 11:00 a.m. A procession will depart from Holding Funeral Home at 10:30 a.m.

Pallbearers will be Scooter Dickenson, Buddy Dickenson, Luke Riebe, Michael Riebe, Zach Dorton, and Ethan Dickenson.

A memorial video has been created for family and friends.

An online registry is available at www.holdingfuneralhome.com

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Holding Funeral Home is honored to serve the family of Paul Dickenson.

Tribute Wall



“ *Holding Funeral Home, Inc. created a Tribute Video in memory of Paul E. Dickenson*



Holding Funeral Home, Inc. - March 30 at 02:00 PM

JF

*Sincere condolences and prayers to Paul's family. Certainly one of truly old line families that helped carve the local Crackers Neck culture. They invented hard working carpenters. God Bless
Jerry Fraley*

Jerry Fraley - March 30 at 07:32 PM

MD

Thank you, Mr. Fraley. My father, Grover, certainly set a good example for his kids to have a good work ethic and that hard work is always the best way, even if it doesn't pay much. Thank you for reaching out to provide them with work that helped provide for our family. Only one son left now.

Mary A Dickenson - March 31 at 01:36 PM

MD

Jerry, I gave more thought to your comment about cracker's neck carpenters and realized I was so focused on my big brother I sort of slighted all the rest. Caroline Begley gave birth to a crew of talented carpenters and human beings that were unmatched. Well, I have to brag again, my father, Grover was one of the best if not the best original cracker's neck carpenters,, following in his father's footsteps and shared his knowledge, work ethic,honesty, and benefits of putting in an honest, hard days work, a lot of his moral compass with many of those young men. He was a mentor to many of them. parents produced 3 or 4 first rate carpenters also. Paul, Terry, " Bug" join the Begley 's as the greatest carpenters ever to put hammer to a nail or paint to a wall, in Wise County. But I'll leave my Daddy in that " THE GREATEST CARPENTER EVER" pedestal by himself!! Sadly Paul was the last of that dying breed or at least the ones that took cracker's neck by storm and set an example of how a professional, talented honest cracker's neck carpenters a cut above the rest! I GIVE PRAISE AND RESPECT TO ALL OF THEM AND THE GREAT WOMEN THAT LOANED THEM TO THIS WORLD FOR A SHORT WHILE. #CACKERSNECKPROUD

Mary A Dickenson - April 01 at 12:25 PM

BT

“ Paul gave a lot to the kids he encountered in little league. Taught them about caring, giving and learning to bring out the best in themselves. A great man.

Bobby Thompson - April 01 at 09:23 AM

MD

“ My precious brother oh how I live you. Too many memories to only post one. You were the brother I had longest and the one who's love and care I will forever remember and cherish. FLY HIGH, BROTHER AND MAY YOU GAVE ETERNAL REST 📞💔🙏👑



Mary A Dickenson - March 31 at 04:14 PM

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“ *Emily Dickenson lit a candle in memory of Paul E. Dickenson*



Emily Dickenson - March 30 at 07:27 AM

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I'm so sorry for the loss of Paul! See u soon cuz! Love and prayers to all the family!

Patty Shupe Davis - March 30 at 01:36 PM