



George Fuller Cridlin

March 10, 1947 - December 14, 2018

George Fuller Cridlin, 71, of Jonesville, Va., passed away on Friday, Dec. 14, 2018 in Durham, N.C.

A lifelong resident of Southwest Virginia, George spent more than four decades in private practice as an attorney, following in the footsteps of his father and grandfather, and served 33 years as the attorney for the town of Jonesville. He was also chairman of the board of directors of Powell Valley National Bank, helping lead its expansion in Southwest Virginia and Northeast Tennessee.

A 1965 graduate of Jonesville High School, where he was a student leader and athlete, George graduated from Carson-Newman College in Jefferson City, Tenn. There he met a young woman from Florida named Karen, who would become his wife of 47 years. They lived for stretches in her hometown of Belle Glade, Fla., where they were married; Richmond, where he graduated from the T.C. Williams School of Law at the University of Richmond; and Colorado Springs, where he served in the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers during the Vietnam War; before returning to Jonesville.

George was active in many civic organizations and community institutions, including Jonesville First United Methodist Church, the Jonesville Town Council, the Lions Club and the Virginia Coalfield Economic Development

Authority. He was an avid lover and supporter of local sports; an aficionado of autos, antiques and community history; and above all a lover of people. He was curious and generous, a man who formed fast and long-lasting friendships with strangers, as comfortable with coal miners and mechanics as senators and governors. Every day of his life, he lived to be out and involved in his community.

George passed peacefully at the Duke Cancer Institute in Durham, N.C., Karen by his side. His family is humbled and grateful for the many prayers and kind thoughts sent their way.

George and Karen had two sons: Jay, a journalist in St. Petersburg, Fla.; and Fuller, who is the Commonwealth's Attorney for Lee County. He is also survived by Jay's wife, Shelley, and their children, Josie and Cameron; Fuller's wife, Jalan; and a sister, Josephine Roddenberry. He was preceded in death by his parents, Judge Joseph N. and Fay Cridlin.

The family will receive friends from 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 18, at Jonesville First United Methodist Church, 100 Church St., Jonesville. The funeral service will be held at the church at 10 a.m., Wednesday, Dec. 19, with the Rev. Layne Pennington officiating. Interment will follow at Lee Memorial Gardens in Pennington Gap, with the Rev. Tracy McPherson officiating.

In lieu of flowers or gifts, donations may be made to Jonesville First United Methodist Church or Covenant Mountain Mission Bible Camp, 2390 Horse Hollow Road, Jonesville, Va., 24263.

Cemetery Details

Lee Memorial Gardens

1986 Hickory Cir Rd
Pennington Gap, VA 24277
(276) 546-2523

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 18. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Jonesville First United Methodist Church
Church Street
Jonesville, VA 24263

Funeral Service

DEC 19. 10:00 AM (ET)

Jonesville First United Methodist Church
Church Street
Jonesville, VA 24263

Tribute Wall



“ George Fuller Cridlin

October 05, 2023 at 07:31 PM



“ George was a great. kind & good man who did a lot of good for the folk of Lee County. He will be sorely missed.

Praying for the family.

God Bless & Peace

Gary & Nancy Perdue

Gary Perdue - December 22, 2018 at 01:50 PM



“ Sorry to lose such a dear and devoted friend. I will always remember you for being on on boards in which I was involved in. You were an inspiration to Lee County
A saddened friend
Always, D J Barker

DJ Barker - December 21, 2018 at 05:44 PM



“ Wilma W. McNew lit a candle in memory of George Fuller Cridlin

Wilma W. McNew - December 21, 2018 at 12:01 PM



WM

So sorry to hear of your loss. George was a good person and will be missed . It will be difficult to fill his shoes at Powell Valley National Bank. Thinking of you!

Wilma W. McNew - December 21, 2018 at 12:04 PM

FC

*“ We were saddened by your loss. We worked with Jalan and heard a lot of good things about the family. To Fuller and Jalan we are so sorry for your loss. Thinking of you!
The staff of Addington Hall*

Frankie Collins - December 20, 2018 at 10:54 AM

JW

*“ As some people journey throughout their life, they leave footprints wherever they may go, footprints of Kindness, Love, Humor, Joy, Courage, Compassion, Inspiration & Faith. Now that they have been called home & have left us with so much sorrow, we can look back & see a path they do clearly left behind. A path with Love, Hope, & Faith that invites us to follow. And may we know that our cherished memories comfort us during our time of grief & know that we will all soon meet again.
With Love & Prayers to the
Cridlin Family
Sincerely
Josie Walker*



Josie Walker - December 19, 2018 at 05:04 PM

SH

“ Prayers for your family;

Sue Haynes - December 19, 2018 at 02:34 PM

MM

“ So sorry for your loss.



Melissa Mullins-Hale - December 19, 2018 at 09:48 AM

AL

“ I am so saddened to hear of the passing of George. He and I became friends years ago when we lost weight together in the liquid diet program - lol. We became fast friends and I always loved seeing him. I work for the school system in Scott County and would always see him at sporting events and looked for him at every trip to Lee High. We always shared a hug and a laugh. I know your hearts are broken and I will surely miss looking for that bear hug and smile from my friend. May the grace of God and his wonderful memory bring you peace. I will always smile when I think of him. Your family will remain in my thoughts and prayers.

*Andrea Roberts Lawson
Gate City, VA*

Andrea Roberts Lawson - December 19, 2018 at 09:18 AM

PH

“ Priscilla Harless lit a candle in memory of George Fuller Cridlin



Priscilla Harless - December 19, 2018 at 09:09 AM

PH

*Deepest sympathy to all the family during this difficult time.
Priscilla Harless*

Priscilla Harless - December 19, 2018 at 09:12 AM

JW

“ *My deepest sympathy to all the family.
George was a dear friend.. I will never forget
his kindness to Reed during his illness. We
were blessed to know him. My thoughts and
prayers are with you in this most difficult time.*



Judy Williams - December 18, 2018 at 11:45 AM

BC

“ *George was a great friend and football team mate during our years
at JHS..My prayers
go out to his family. I know the people of Lee County will sorely miss
him.*

Bob Collins

bob collisn - December 18, 2018 at 09:32 AM

MC

“ *Mason Cook lit a candle in memory of George
Fuller Cridlin*



Mason Cook - December 18, 2018 at 07:40 AM

AL

“ My prayers go out to George's family. He and his family helped make Lee County a great place to live. He will be missed.

Aubrey Lee - December 18, 2018 at 12:44 AM

CS

“ George was my best (JHS) high school buddy and a dear friend for life since the day we met at Bible Camp in 1960. He loved the gridiron and we would talk hours about the good old day, as well as our kids playing sports. George was an awesome, unselfish, a Great Man. I feel so blessed as many of his friends do to have shared a few moments of our lives together with such a man. My prayers are with the Cridlin Family during this sad time and I will miss my dear friend. "Love Uman", Keith Sargent, Hartwell, GA

CARTER K SARGENT - December 17, 2018 at 11:31 PM

BD

“ Karen and family,

We are so sorry to hear of your loss and are keeping all of you in our thoughts and prayers now and in the days ahead.

Tony and Bonnie Daniels

Bonnie Daniels - December 17, 2018 at 10:06 PM



AC

“ George and I grew up together spending most week-ends and snowed in weeks at the Banner farm on Wallens Creek. We snow sledged off the mountain and tracked animal prints in the snow until we were frozen. What wonderful memories I have of George who was like a brother to me. I am grieving right along with his family as he was my family too. You are in my prayers daily and know that he was a great man. Love Anne Banner Campbell, Jackson, Tn.

Anne Banner Campbell - December 17, 2018 at 05:43 PM

HP

“ Hali Ellis Pennington lit a candle in memory of George Fuller Cridlin



Hali Ellis Pennington - December 17, 2018 at 05:36 PM

PM

“ Patsy Davis Miller lit a candle in memory of George Fuller Cridlin



Patsy Davis Miller - December 17, 2018 at 02:57 PM

TS

“ Ted And Glenna Stark lit a candle in memory of George Fuller Cridlin



Ted and Glenna Stark - December 17, 2018 at 12:09 PM

RN

“ Robin Napier lit a candle in memory of George Fuller Cridlin



Robin Napier - December 17, 2018 at 11:43 AM

JC

“ JBruce Catron lit a candle in memory of George Fuller Cridlin



JBruce Catron - December 17, 2018 at 11:07 AM



“ Sacred Duty Spray was purchased for the family of George Fuller Cridlin.



December 17, 2018 at 09:28 AM

LI

“ Linda lit a candle in memory of George Fuller Cridlin



Linda - December 17, 2018 at 08:38 AM

LK

*Linda Kinser**

Linda Kinser - December 17, 2018 at 08:40 AM

JC

“ *we are sad to hear of George's passing. He was one of the driving forces with Stickleyleville community getting public water. He cared about his community. my last memory with George was in Jonesville talking to my mom and complimenting her for her years of volunteer work at the nursing home in Duffield . our thoughts and prayers to his family. ruby cox and, jerry cox stickleyville va and terry cox johnson city tenn*

jerry cox - December 17, 2018 at 03:52 AM

CL

“ *Carmen Lockhart lit a candle in memory of George Fuller Cridlin*



Carmen Lockhart - December 16, 2018 at 11:38 PM

CL

Karen my Prayers and love are with you he was a fine and Godly man He will be missed

Carmen Lockhart - December 16, 2018 at 11:47 PM

SJ

“ *Sonny And Pat Johnston lit a candle in memory of George Fuller Cridlin*



Sonny and Pat Johnston - December 16, 2018 at 09:47 PM

BM

“ *Plain View Baptist Church will forever be grateful to George for all the legal work that he did as required in building the new church. He was always eager to help and would not take any compensation. I was blessed to know him.*



Bruce Miles - December 16, 2018 at 08:11 PM

KF

“ *Dear Karen, Jay, Fuller, and Josephine,*

We are so sad with you in the passing of George. You remain in our hearts and prayers now and in the days ahead. We all had the highest respect for George and who he was.

Love, Kathy, David Fuller Fraley and family

Kathy Fraley - December 16, 2018 at 08:07 PM

MT

“ *Karen and family,*

We are very sorry to hear of George's passing. He gave so much to our community and county. We are so blessed to have known him.

Prayers for you all during this difficult time.

Wayde and Margi Travis

Margi and Wayde Travis - December 16, 2018 at 07:57 PM

BF

“ *Karen and family,
I am so sorry about George. I grieve with you. He was such a
sweetheart.
You are in my prayers.*

Betty Flanary - December 16, 2018 at 07:29 PM

SN

“ *Karen, Jay Patton and Fuller, I am so sorry to
hear about George. Please know I am praying
for your family during this time.*

Sandy Newman



Sandy Newman - December 16, 2018 at 07:08 PM

BC

“ *We are saddened to learn of George's passing.
Please know that the our thoughts and prayers
are with the family during this very sad time.*

Deepest Sympathies,

Jerry and Betty Crusenberry

Absence from the body, is presence with our dear Lord.



Betty Crusenberry - December 16, 2018 at 06:08 PM

AH

“ Dearest Cridlin Family,
You are in our thoughts and prayers at this
difficult time.



Alan & Gina Cox Hensberger - December 16, 2018 at 03:34 PM

HM

“ Harold And Helen Marcum lit a candle in
memory of George Fuller Cridlin



Harold and Helen Marcum - December 16, 2018 at 03:23 PM