



Philip Elwood Childers

April 12, 1948 - September 19, 2025

Philip Elwood Childers, 77, of Salisbury, passed away September 19, 2025, at the NC State Veteran's Home in Salisbury.

Born April 12, 1948 in Cabell County, West Virginia, he was the son of the late Daryl Elwood Childers and Martha Powers Childers. He was a Veteran of the United States Navy where he served as a corpsman. He retired from the VA Medical Center in Salisbury. He had worked with the Salisbury-Rowan School System and the NC State Veteran's Home where was an environmental manager. He had also worked as a pharmacy tech supervisor in the VA hospital in Huntington, WV.

He was a member of St. Luke's Episcopal Church. He was also a member of Minerva Masonic Lodge #13 in Barboursville, WV, Scottish Rites and Beni Kedem Temple of Charleston, WV. He enjoyed fishing and hunting.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a son, Matthew S. Childers and brother, Richard A. Childers.

Left to cherish his memory are his wife of 44 years, Karen Sales Childers; sons, Philip B. Childers (Julie) of Winston-Salem, Nicholas R. Childers (Markie) of Salisbury, John J. Childers (Wendy) of Florida; uncle, Gary T. Childers of Barboursville, WV; step-sisters, Barbara Sanders (Tom) and Paula Adams both of Barboursville, WV; sister-in-law, Marsha Childers of Huntington, WV; grandchildren, Coleman, Averie, John, Sarah, Philip, Bradford, Briean, Heather; and several great-grandchildren.

The family will receive friends 6 -7:30 p.m. Thursday (September 25) at

Summersett Funeral Home.

A graveside service will be conducted at 10 a.m. Friday (September 26) at Salisbury National Cemetery.

Summersett Funeral Home is serving the Childers family. Online condolences may be made at www.summersettfuneralhome.com.

Cemetery Details

Salisbury National Cemetery

501 Statesville Blvd.
Salisbury, NC 28144

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP **25**. 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM (ET)

Summersett Funeral Home
1315 W. Innes St.
Salisbury, NC 28144
(704) 633-2111
<https://www.summersettfuneralhome.com>

Graveside Service

SEP **26**. 10:00 AM (ET)

Salisbury National Cemetery
501 Statesville Blvd.
Salisbury, NC 28144

Tribute Wall

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“ John & Stacie Sanders purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Philip Elwood Childers.



John & Stacie Sanders - September 24, 2025 at 07:56 PM

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“ John & Stacie Sanders planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Philip Elwood Childers.

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“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Philip Elwood Childers.



September 23, 2025 at 08:24 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Philip Elwood Childers.

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“ *Once again, I am so very sorry for your loss. I remember the fun times we had living almost across the street on Franklin Court. It's too bad that we had to move. You are in my prayers*

Dottie Hinrichs - September 20, 2025 at 09:22 PM