



## Ernest Ray Carbaugh Sr.

March 5, 1932 - July 9, 2025

It is with a mix of sorrow and gratitude that we announce the passing of Ernest Ray Carbaugh, Sr., affectionately known as Ernie, who left us peacefully on Wednesday, July 9, 2025, at the age of 93. Ernie was born on March 5, 1932, in Thurmont, Maryland, the last surviving of 12 children of the late Ernest Harvey and Arita Brice Carbaugh, carrying the legacy of a close-knit family that valued love and hard work.

Ernie dedicated his life to his craft, establishing himself as a talented mechanic and builder in the home improvement industry. He operated E.R. Carbaugh & Sons, working diligently on projects and transforming homes for friends and neighbors, a testament to his strong work ethic and commitment to excellence. Remarkably, he continued to work until the age of 88, a reflection of his passion and resilience.

An active community member, Ernie served with pride as a past member of the Hebron Volunteer Fire Department. He had a zest for life that extended beyond his labor; he embraced the beauty of the outdoors, relishing in hunting and fishing adventures.

Ernie's love for local stock car racing and NASCAR ignited the thrill-seeking spirit within him, and he found joy in the melodies of bluegrass and old-time country music.

Ernie is survived by his beloved wife of 56 years, Ellen Mae (Parsons) Carbaugh; their sons, Ernest Carbaugh, Jr. and Michael Carbaugh and companion, Dana Basner; and their daughter, Jenny Lee; cherished

grandchildren, Colby, Aaron, Morgan, Camryn, Alexis, Paul and Jeffrey; great grandchildren, Gabriel, Bentley and Madison; brother-in-law, David Parsons and wife, Rita; sisters-in-law, Mary Williams and husband, Jesse and Nancy Parsons; and a special niece, Bobbi Sue. He is also survived by many nieces and nephews. His family will forever cherish the memories of his laughter, wisdom, and the love they shared.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by 11 siblings; brother-in-law, Larry Parsons; and in-laws, Harry and Bessie Parsons.

A celebration of Ernie's life will take place on Saturday, July 19, 2025, from 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 at Short Funeral Home in Delmar, followed by a memorial service beginning at 2:00.

Ernie's family would like to extend a special thank you to the nurses, chaplains and staff of Coastal Hospice for the love and care given to him during his last weeks and days. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made in memory of Ernie to Coastal Hospice, P.O. Box 1733, Salisbury, MD 21802.

Arrangements are in the care of Short Funeral Home in Delmar. Online condolences may be sent to the family by visiting [www.shortfh.com](http://www.shortfh.com).

# Previous Events

## Visitation

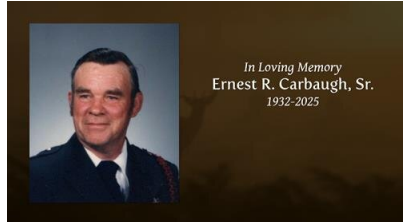
JUL 19. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Short Funeral Home  
13 East Grove St  
Delmar, DE

# Tribute Wall



“ *Short Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Ernest Ray Carbaugh Sr.*



Short Funeral Home - July 19, 2025 at 12:01 PM

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“ *My memories of Uncle Buck are always happy ones. He had the most awesome sense of humor. My first time visiting him was interesting. I was scared to drive to across Chesapeake Bay Bridge. Before I began my trip he assured me I would be fine and to just stay in the middle lane. If course when I started crossing I couldn't find the middle lane. When I get to his house I confronted him regarding where was the middle lane. Uncle Buck said...oh I forgot to tell you. ..that's on the way home. His sense of humor will never be forgotten. Sending love, hugs and prayers for Ellen, Jenny, Ernie, Mike and their families.*

Donna & Leslie - July 19, 2025 at 10:35 AM

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“ *I'm sorry. Just saw the obituary on Facebook. Rest in peace Uncle Buck. Love, Jeannie (Peanut and Wilbur's "baby")*



Norma Jean Wantz - July 15, 2025 at 09:47 PM

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“ I was shocked to read of Uncle Bucks passing on Facebook. All the ones that wanted to stay together and keep in touch are gone. Rest easy Uncle Buck I know your Brother and sisters will meet you at the gates with open arms. 🥺

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**Suzie (Carbaugh) Stitely** - July 12, 2025 at 06:11 PM

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“ Lisa vinson lit a candle in memory of Ernest Carbaugh



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**Lisa vinson** - July 12, 2025 at 02:01 PM