



Ralph Orland McNeal Jr.

September 30, 1944 - February 11, 2026

Ralph “Tiny” Orland McNeal Jr., 81, of Easton Maryland, passed away on February 11, 2026.

Ralph was born September 30, 1944, in Easton, MD, the son of Ralph Orland McNeal, Sr. and Pearl Cappa McNeal. He grew up in Talbot County with his three siblings, Catherine Faulkner, Daniel McNeal, and Pam Grudis, and was a graduate of Easton High School.

Following graduation, Ralph began his working life as a mechanic at T. Earl Ewing John Deere. He then went onto a long career at Elliott’s Equipment as a trusted mechanic and later pursued his lifelong passion as a farmer — a calling he followed until his passing. He loved the land, taking pride in his crops and the daily rhythms of farm life.

Ralph had a gentle, steady nature and a fondness for simple pleasures. He treasured time spent with his special pets, most recently his cat “Baby Girl.” He enjoyed riding with his wife, Darlene, to check on his crops and was a big fan of old Westerns.

Tiny and Darlene’s love story is one she loves to tell. They first met at a Cambridge roller rink 60 years ago, lost touch for a time and then reconnected in 2005. Their lives finally came together, and they were married on June 10,

2006. They often called their union a “marriage made in Heaven”. He returned to her at a time she most needed him.

He is survived by his beloved wife, Darlene McNeal; sister Pam Grudis; niece Kellie Faulkner; nephews Craig McNeal and David McNeal; great nieces Samantha Towers and Taylor McNeal; great nephews Tristan McNeal and Jordan McNeal; and dear friends Henry Hollingsworth, Paul Garrett, Robert Garrett, Stanley and Faye Collier, and Bobby Greenley.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Ralph Sr. and Pearl McNeal, and siblings Daniel McNeal and Catherine Faulkner.

A memorial visitation to celebrate Ralph “Tiny” McNeal’s life will be held Saturday, March 7, 2026, from 10 AM to 12 PM at Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home, Easton, MD.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to the Talbot Humane Society, Easton, MD, in Ralph’s memory.

The family wishes to thank friends and neighbors who brought comfort and companionship through the years. He will be remembered for his hardworking hands, kind spirit, and the quiet joy he found in caring for his land and loved ones.

Previous Events

Memorial Visitation

MAR 7. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home
200 S. Harrison Street
EASTON
EASTON, MD 21601

Tribute Wall

SH

“ *Sonja Hanssen-Carter lit a candle in memory of Ralph Orland McNeal Jr.*



Sonja Hanssen-Carter - February 25 at 11:30 PM

NW

“ *Nancy Wood lit a candle in memory of Ralph Orland McNeal Jr.*



Nancy Wood - February 25 at 09:20 PM

DN

“ *Deb Asmussen Nentwig lit a candle in memory of Ralph Orland McNeal Jr.*



Deb Asmussen Nentwig - February 21 at 02:45 PM

DN

A special kind man. Tiny was always kind to my elders the Asmussen Family over many years. He will be dearly missed by those who knew him.

Deb Asmussen Nentwig - February 21 at 02:46 PM



“ *Ruth Ann Fluharty lit a candle in memory of Ralph Orland McNeal Jr.*



Ruth Ann Fluharty - February 20 at 04:00 PM

WS

“ *We remember Tiny helping us when we used to do a wheat threshing for fun. He really got into it he loved doing any part of it. He was a really nice guy, he's gonna be missed. RIP my friend and neighbor.*



The Schwaninger Family Walt, Judy and Alice Mae

Walt and Judy Schwaninger - February 20 at 02:40 PM

JM

“ *Older cousin, Tiny, was called Tiny for a reason. He wasn't Big. He could just as deservedly been called Zeus. Most of us recognized him as the strongest kid pound for pound any of us knew growing up in the county, and no one could out-work him. On top of that he was a really nice person to me. Rest in Peace, Cousin.*

Jeff McNeal - February 19 at 07:06 AM

JC

“ *Remember on the farm as a kid with him and Danny. Karaoke night at Catherine's. Lunches with him and Darlene while working on his house. Many more.*

Jay Cappa - February 19 at 06:38 AM

JL

“ *I will always remember the smile. R.I.P. cuz .*



J.R. Lowery - February 18 at 10:56 PM

JO

“ *I always liked to cut up with Ralph about farming. He was a true friend!*



Joe ostrowski - February 18 at 08:15 PM

AB

“ *Alex Borga lit a candle in memory of Ralph Orland McNeal Jr.*



Alex Borga - February 14 at 05:11 PM

MS

“ *RIP Tiny, my deepest sympathies to his family*



Mary Ann Shortall - February 14 at 08:38 AM

AB

“ *Agnes Blades lit a candle in memory of Ralph Orland McNeal Jr.*



Agnes Blades - February 13 at 04:44 PM

AF

“ *Altvater Family lit a candle in memory of Ralph Orland McNeal Jr.*



Altvater Family - February 12 at 02:56 PM