



## Virgil R. Klepper, Sr.

December 19, 1942 - October 19, 2025

Virgil R. Klepper, Sr., 82, passed away on October 19, 2025. Born in Bulls Gap, Tennessee on December 19, 1942, to Mary Long Klepper and William Starks Klepper, he was the eldest of four children.

He graduated from Bridgewater College in Virginia and became a teacher. He was recruited to teach on the Eastern Shore and moved to Kent Island. He taught at Stevensville Middle School where he met Mary Rossbach, whom he married in 1968. Virgil earned his Master's degree from East Tennessee State University. He taught science at Queen Anne's County High School until he retired in 1985. For 25 years Virgil was a local Washington Post distributor in Kent and Queen Anne's counties. He retired and moved to Delaware in 2006 and then moved to Centreville in 2022.

Virgil enjoyed fishing, hunting, watching baseball, listening to bluegrass music and traveling to fairs and festivals on the Eastern Shore. He especially loved spending time with family and watching his grandchildren in their sports and activities.

Virgil is survived by his children Mary, Virgil, Jr. (Susan), Christina Morazes (Nicholas), and Regina; three grandchildren: Chase, Riley, and Addison; his siblings, Karlene Ely (Gordell), Eugene (Joyce) and Jake (Judy) and their children and grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents and his

wife, Mary Rossbach Klepper.

A funeral service will be held on Friday, October 24, 2025, at 12 noon at the Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home in Centreville, where friends and family may visit at 11 AM that day. Burial will be private.

In lieu of flowers please consider donating to the Alzheimer's Association, 502 Washington Ave. Suite 300, Towson, MD 21204.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT **24**. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home, P.A.  
408 S. Liberty Street  
Centreville, MD 21617

## Funeral Service

OCT **24**. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home, P.A.  
408 S. Liberty Street  
Centreville, MD 21617

# Tribute Wall



“ *Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of Virgil R. Klepper, Sr.*



Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home - October 22, 2025 at 03:26 PM

SS

“ *Stephanie Specht lit a candle in memory of Virgil R. Klepper, Sr.*



Stephanie Specht - October 26, 2025 at 07:59 PM

SS

*Mr. Klepper was my science teacher at Queen Anne's County High School. I have fond memories of being in his class. He was always there for his students and was a caring teacher. I will remember him with fondness.*

Stephanie Specht - October 26, 2025 at 08:02 PM

LJ

“ *Linda DeMoss Jefferson lit a candle in memory of Virgil R. Klepper, Sr.*



Linda DeMoss Jefferson - October 24, 2025 at 04:59 PM

DT

“ *Diana/Stu Tarrant lit a candle in memory of Virgil R. Klepper, Sr.*



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**Diana/Stu Tarrant** - October 24, 2025 at 02:42 PM

SW

“ *Susan Wolff lit a candle in memory of Virgil R. Klepper, Sr.*



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**Susan Wolff** - October 24, 2025 at 10:03 AM

PE

“ *Mr. Klepper was Ed's high school teacher. He has shared many memories of his teaching and personal support. We were always happy to talk with Mr. Klepper as he followed Ed's bluegrass band.*

*Our deepest condolences to his family. He spoke of them with great love and pride.*

*Ed and Penny Finkner*

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**Penny** - October 23, 2025 at 08:52 PM

JP

“ Janet Pauls lit a candle in memory of Virgil R. Klepper, Sr.



Janet Pauls - October 23, 2025 at 01:43 PM

PB

“ Paul And Sharlene Bullen sent a virtual gift in memory of Virgil R. Klepper, Sr.



Paul and Sharlene Bullen - October 22, 2025 at 10:23 PM

PB

You were the best Mr. Klepper. I still remember a program you showed in your class about the future.

Paul and Sharlene Bullen - October 22, 2025 at 10:26 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Virgil R. Klepper, Sr..



October 22, 2025 at 08:58 PM

TF

“ The Grimes Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Virgil R. Klepper, Sr..

The Grimes Family - October 22, 2025 at 08:58 PM

BG

“ Bo And Amy Greenwood lit a candle in memory of Virgil R. Klepper, Sr.



Bo and Amy Greenwood - October 22, 2025 at 05:00 PM

NF

“ NAVAIR FAMILY purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Virgil R. Klepper, Sr..



NAVAIR FAMILY - October 22, 2025 at 03:56 PM

NF

“ NAVAIR FAMILY planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Virgil R. Klepper, Sr..

NAVAIR FAMILY - October 22, 2025 at 03:56 PM

LM

“ Liz Meekins lit a candle in memory of Virgil R. Klepper, Sr.



Liz Meekins - October 22, 2025 at 02:19 PM

SA

“ Sylvia and Kent Ackley purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Virgil R. Klepper, Sr..



Sylvia and Kent Ackley - October 22, 2025 at 11:55 AM

SC

“ Condolences to the family



Sandra Crawford - October 22, 2025 at 11:55 AM

IG

“ Mary, Christina, Buddy and Regina, so sorry to hear about the passing of your dad. It's so nice to see how many lives your parents touched through their teaching. May his memory be a blessing.

Ilyne Germaise - October 21, 2025 at 11:12 PM

MK

“ *Mark And Lisa King lit a candle in memory of Virgil R. Klepper, Sr.*



Mark and Lisa King - October 21, 2025 at 09:31 PM

CW

“ *Centreville Methodist Women lit a candle in memory of Virgil R. Klepper, Sr.*



Centreville Methodist Women - October 21, 2025 at 09:04 PM

NG

“ *NAWCWD Sustainment Group purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Virgil R. Klepper, Sr..*



NAWCWD Sustainment Group - October 21, 2025 at 08:51 PM

DC

“ *I am saddened of hearing of Mr. Virgil's passing!! He, and his wife Mary were teachers of mine. Mary in elementary school, and Virgil in high school. They were both awesome teachers, and so kind!! Sending prayers to his family at this time.*

Deborah (Baker) Caldwell - October 21, 2025 at 08:22 PM

ND

“ *NGA FRAT and Donna purchased the Gracious Lavender Basket for the family of Virgil R. Klepper, Sr..*



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**NGA FRAT and Donna** - October 21, 2025 at 08:20 PM

RM

“ *Much sympathy to the family. Such a great teacher and kind man.*



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**Robin Mowbray** - October 21, 2025 at 06:30 PM

MS

“ *Mary Bourbon& David Sewell purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Virgil R. Klepper, Sr..*



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**Mary Bourbon& David Sewell** - October 21, 2025 at 06:27 PM

KM

“ *Krista M. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Virgil R. Klepper, Sr..*

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**Krista M.** - October 21, 2025 at 04:55 PM

MF

“ Marilyn Ford lit a candle in memory of Virgil R. Klepper, Sr.



Marilyn Ford - October 21, 2025 at 03:31 PM

JB

“ Mr. Klepper was a wonderful teacher. I remember when the Kleppers were married, I was in 5th grade I think. Mrs. Klepper was my teacher. Loved them both!!



Jackie Benton - October 21, 2025 at 03:15 PM

TL

“ The Lode's lit a candle in memory of Virgil R. Klepper, Sr.



The Lode's - October 21, 2025 at 02:20 PM

EC

“ Eastern Shore Dental Care lit a candle in memory of Virgil R. Klepper, Sr.



Eastern Shore Dental Care - October 21, 2025 at 02:18 PM

TP

“ Theresa Dow and Patty Potts purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Virgil R. Klepper, Sr..



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**Theresa Dow and Patty Potts** - October 21, 2025 at 02:11 PM

SS

“ Steve And Winky Sewell lit a candle in memory of Virgil R. Klepper, Sr.



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**Steve and Winky Sewell** - October 21, 2025 at 01:45 PM

JP

“ Thoughts and prayers go out to the Klepper during this sorrowful time. He was truly an amazing teacher.



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**John Payne** - October 21, 2025 at 01:32 PM

DP

“ Doug Pierson lit a candle in memory of Virgil R. Klepper, Sr.



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**Doug Pierson** - October 21, 2025 at 01:15 PM

JL

“ Jennifer Laird lit a candle in memory of Virgil R. Klepper, Sr.



Jennifer Laird - October 21, 2025 at 12:56 PM

LG

“ He often came to the reunions- such a great guy.

Lynn g - October 21, 2025 at 12:48 PM

DS

“ Mr. Klepper taught me science in high school . I have often thought about him over the years. My condolences to his family.



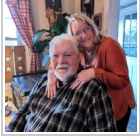
Dee Everitt Steeves - October 21, 2025 at 12:45 PM

HH

“ Handzo Family



Hetaher Handzo - October 21, 2025 at 12:31 PM



“ *Charlie Shahan lit a candle in memory of Virgil R. Klepper, Sr.*



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**Charlie Shahan** - October 21, 2025 at 12:29 PM



“ *Karen Herlihy lit a candle in memory of Virgil R. Klepper, Sr.*



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**Karen Herlihy** - October 21, 2025 at 11:57 AM

SB

“ *Sarah Brown lit a candle in memory of Virgil R. Klepper, Sr.*



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**Sarah Brown** - October 21, 2025 at 11:56 AM

MF

“ *Margie Freeman lit a candle in memory of Virgil R. Klepper, Sr.*



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**Margie freeman** - October 21, 2025 at 11:52 AM



“ *Sherry Atkinson lit a candle in memory of Virgil R. Klepper, Sr.*



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**Sherry Atkinson** - October 21, 2025 at 11:45 AM



“ *Mindy Sewell lit a candle in memory of Virgil R. Klepper, Sr.*



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**Mindy Sewell** - October 21, 2025 at 11:44 AM



“ *So sorry to hear of Mr Kleppers passing. He was truly one of the nicest teachers employed by Queen Anne's County in my lifetime*



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**Morris Barton** - October 21, 2025 at 11:41 AM



“ *Larry And Lynne Wilkins sent a virtual gift in memory of Virgil R. Klepper, Sr.*



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**Larry and Lynne Wilkins** - October 21, 2025 at 11:34 AM

JA

“ *Jane Anthony lit a candle in memory of Virgil R. Klepper, Sr.*



Jane Anthony - October 21, 2025 at 11:33 AM

WM

“ Windy M. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Virgil R. Klepper, Sr..

Windy M. - October 21, 2025 at 11:24 AM

JP

“ *JoAnn & Royden Powell lit a candle in memory of Virgil R. Klepper, Sr.*



JoAnn & Royden Powell - October 21, 2025 at 11:14 AM

DK

“ *My science teacher in 10th grade. So many fond memories. Thoughts and prayers to his family.*



Deborah Kiel - October 21, 2025 at 11:03 AM

TK

“ Tom Knox lit a candle in memory of Virgil R. Klepper, Sr.



Tom Knox - October 21, 2025 at 10:47 AM

GP

“ Gene And Lynda Palmatary sent a virtual gift in memory of Virgil R. Klepper, Sr.



Gene and Lynda Palmatary - October 21, 2025 at 10:31 AM

GP

*To the family: Our prayers and blessings are with the family at this time. Mr. Virgil will be missed in Centreville Heights taking his walks and stopping to talk with neighbors. He was a great man and loved by many. Hold onto the wonderful memories and the road will be a little easier. God bless. Lynda and Gene Palmatary*

Gene and Lynda Palmatary - October 21, 2025 at 10:35 AM

JS

“ Have so many fond memories of Virgil and wife, Mary. I taught with both of them. They were dedicated to their profession.



Jane Sparks - October 21, 2025 at 10:26 AM

CR

“ *Mr. Klepper was such a wonderful teacher. He was always so kind and patient with all of his students. I had him as a teacher in Middle school. I will always remember him fondly.*

Cindy Ringgold-Goble - October 21, 2025 at 10:06 AM

CK

“ *Claire Coursey Kelley lit a candle in memory of Virgil R. Klepper, Sr.*



Claire Coursey Kelley - October 21, 2025 at 09:43 AM

JK

“ *Always enjoyed talking with Mr Klepper when we ran into him here and there. He was so nice.*

*Gary & Jennifer Kaufman*



Jennifer Kaufman - October 21, 2025 at 09:21 AM

SS

“ *I'm so sorry to hear of Virgil's passing. My son, daughter in law and grandchildren live next door and I watch them several days a week. On those days Virgil would chat with us in the yard and occasionally join us in walks around the neighborhood. He is in our thoughts and prayers.*

Susan Sheilds - October 21, 2025 at 08:43 AM

KL

“ So sorry to hear of Mr. Klepper's passing. He was one of my favorite teachers and in later years, I always enjoyed talking to him at the auction at American Corners. Sending my sincere sympathy to his family and close friends.

Kathy T Lantz - October 21, 2025 at 08:10 AM

BT

“ Bruce & Patti Tarr lit a candle in memory of Virgil R. Klepper, Sr.



Bruce & Patti Tarr - October 21, 2025 at 07:29 AM

MA

“ Mitchell Andrew lit a candle in memory of Virgil R. Klepper, Sr.



Mitchell Andrew - October 20, 2025 at 09:36 PM

DR

“ Sending thoughts and prayers to the family



Diane and Jeff Ruth - October 20, 2025 at 09:33 PM

JC

“ June Clark lit a candle in memory of Virgil R. Klepper, Sr.



June Clark - October 20, 2025 at 09:29 PM

RJ

“ Ronnie And Rhonda Jewell lit a candle in memory of Virgil R. Klepper, Sr.



Ronnie and Rhonda Jewell - October 20, 2025 at 08:11 PM

JY

“ Jane Young lit a candle in memory of Virgil R. Klepper, Sr.



Jane Young - October 20, 2025 at 07:23 PM

KO

“ Kari Oulahyane lit a candle in memory of Virgil R. Klepper, Sr.



Kari Oulahyane - October 20, 2025 at 06:38 PM

KH

“ *Kim Honeycutt lit a candle in memory of Virgil R. Klepper, Sr.*



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**Kim Honeycutt** - October 20, 2025 at 05:54 PM

BQ

“ *Bruce Quinn lit a candle in memory of Virgil R. Klepper, Sr.*



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**Bruce Quinn** - October 20, 2025 at 03:48 PM

BM

“ *Barbara McCreary lit a candle in memory of Virgil R. Klepper, Sr.*



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**Barbara McCreary** - October 20, 2025 at 01:42 PM