



## George E. Melton

June 15, 1944 - November 23, 2023

George E. Melton, 79, was born on June 15, 1944, to Harry and Dorothy Melton of Petersburg. He died peacefully in his sleep and was reunited with his family on Thanksgiving, November 23, 2023.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his siblings, Harry L. and Richard "Swede" Melton, Glenna Stiltz, Maggie Hughes and Nellie and Mary Melton. He is survived by his nieces and nephews.

George was president of his graduating class at Harris High School in 1962.

Along with Eddie Haynes, he owned and operated West Side Tavern from 1973 to 1989. It was the place to be for parties, great food, 45's rocking the jukebox, "Pint Nite Club", shuffleboard, pool tournaments and package liquor out the door. Most of all, a lifetime of priceless memories for all who lived in that era.

In 1991, he started his career at the Secretary of State for 28 years until his retirement in September of 2019.

A private celebration of life will be held at a later date.

Hurley Funeral Home in Petersburg is assisting George's family with final

arrangements. Please visit [hurleyfh.com](http://hurleyfh.com) to view his obituary, express condolences and share memories with his family.

As George would always say, "Cheers!"

# Tribute Wall

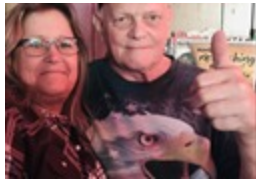
HT

“ *Rest in peace, George.*

Howard Tuttle - November 30, 2023 at 09:03 AM

TA

“ *I worked with George, he had a hard shell but a soft middle, I loved him dearly, be at peace Georgie* ❤️



Tammy Anderson - November 29, 2023 at 11:22 AM

RJ

“ *george was a special kind of guy! Yes, sometime he could be a grouch but those moments were few and far between! I spent may hours in his and Eddie's place and think the beer was okay but the company was excellent. RIP George you had quit I a life and I was blessed to be part of it!*

Rich Jordan - November 28, 2023 at 07:00 PM

RL

“ *Robert Lynn lit a candle in memory of George Melton*



Robert J Lynn - November 28, 2023 at 11:29 AM

LB

“ *I have very fond memories of West side tavern and George he I am sure will be missed by everyone  
,sorry Chris*

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**lisa j boggs** - November 28, 2023 at 10:04 AM