



Alton Frank Catlett

April 18, 2015

Alton Frank Catlett - Affectionately known as "Skipper," passed away peacefully at home on Saturday, April 18th at the age of 94. He was born in Henderson, North Carolina, one of seven children of the late C. Samuel and Annie Catlett. He outlived all of his siblings, Robert, Harry, Esther, Cleland, Harriet and Addie.

A kind and tirelessly industrious man, Alton graduated from Henderson High School and served in the Navy from 1942-1946, during World War II. He worked for 33 years at Norfolk Naval Shipyard, retiring honorably as a Supervisory Electronics Technician. With his own hands, he built a home for his family on the banks of the Elizabeth River. He also was a local builder and real estate developer of numerous apartments and houses in the Portsmouth area. He served as President of the Ambassador Club of Portsmouth from 1968-1969, receiving a 50-year service award in 2004. He was a member of Portsmouth #100 and was also honored as a 50-year member of the Masonic Fraternity. He was a member of Port Norfolk Baptist Church.

Alton is survived by his loving wife of 72 years, Mildred Ellis Catlett; daughter, Nancy Catlett Mayo and her husband, A.T. of Portsmouth; son, Alton Frank Catlett, Jr. and his wife Laurie, of Williamsburg; grandson, Taylor Mayo and wife Michele; granddaughter Ellen Mayo Brady and husband Jon; granddaughter Jessica Catlett Mauder and husband Chris; granddaughters Ashley Lynn Catlett, Lindsey Ann Catlett, and Annie Eliza Catlett; and five great-grandchildren.

A funeral service will be held Tuesday, April 21, 2015 at 2:00 p.m. at Loving Funeral Home, 3225 Academy Avenue, Portsmouth, Virginia, 23703 with Masonic Rites. The family will receive visitors at 1:00 p.m. at the funeral home, prior to the service. Burial will be at Greenlawn Memorial Gardens, 3920 Airline Boulevard, Chesapeake, Virginia, 23321 with Military Honors.

Tribute Wall

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“ Al Catlett was a special force of nature...a strong minded man, who was aptly described in his obituary as a kind and tirelessly industrious man. I am honored to call him a friend for more than forty years.

My deepest sympathy is extended to his family and many friends who are grieving for him. My thoughts are with you.

Keep him in your fondest memories and he will remain in your heart forever.

Bernie Kirsch - April 20, 2015 at 09:38 AM

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“ Annie Eliza Catlett purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Alton Frank Catlett.



Annie Eliza Catlett - April 19, 2015 at 08:11 PM

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“ Joel Atkins lit a candle in memory of Alton Frank Catlett



Joel Atkins - April 19, 2015 at 08:54 AM