



Arthur Ellsworth Saunders, Sr.

August 12, 2010

Arthur Ellsworth Saunders Sr., 91, son of the late Paschal D Saunders and Daisy Smith Saunders, died peacefully at his home, on August 12, 2010. Arthur was born in Portsmouth and graduated from Wilson High School and the Norfolk Naval Shipyard Apprentice School. He served in the US Army-Air Corps in Iran during WW II. He retired from SUPSHIP Newport News after 37 years of federal service. He loved the water and could be found fishing or crabbing on Scotts Creek as a boy and later on the Elizabeth and Nansemond Rivers. He was a commercial crabber for over 60 years retiring at age 89. Arthur wanted to be known as a working man who loved his Lord, Family and Country. He worshipped at Calvary Baptist Church his entire life where he served as a Deacon, Usher and SS Teacher for many years. He loved bowling and was a member of the Calvary Bowling Team for over 50 years. He is survived by his wife of 68 years, Ida B who was the love of his life, sisters Vivian Wyatt and Pat Clark of Portsmouth, sons Arthur Saunders Jr. of Melfa and Tim Saunders of Carrollton, daughters Paulette Smith of Suffolk and Lineta Witherow of Portsmouth, nine grandchildren and fifteen great-grandchildren. He was predeceased by brothers Robert Saunders Sr. and Ray Saunders. The family would like to express their sincerest appreciation and love to all of you for your love, prayers, and acts of kindness during this difficult time and especially to caregivers Gail Sykes and Pearl Moore. The funeral will be conducted by Rev James Clark at Loving Funeral Home Churchland Chapel on Tuesday Aug. 17, at 11a.m. Burial will follow at

Meadowbrook Memorial Mausoleum. The family will receive friends Monday from 6 to 8p.m. at Loving Funeral Home. Flowers will be received and memorial donations may be made to Calvary Baptist Church World Missions Fund 2117 London Blvd Portsmouth VA 23704.

Tribute Wall



“ I was really saddened to hear of Mr. Saunders passing. I really enjoyed the time I spent with him at Art's house, especially his stories. He was always calling me blister due to showing up after the work was completed. I know you guys will miss him very much. We all know he is in a better place now and without pain. Maybe he will be able to see Nancy. My thoughts and prayers are with the entire family.##imported-begin##Wayne Webster##imported-end##

August 25, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ Lineta, Christina, Ida B and family, We are so sorry to hear of Arthur's passing. I'll always remember how he teased Lineta and I back when we went to Radford and eating crabs at his house. He was so funny. I know he lived a wonderfully full life. I am so glad that I had the opportunity to know him. I wish I could be at the viewing tonight but I am in Ohio on vacation, but my thoughts and prayers are with you all. Love, Brenda, Ken and Shelby Schuster##imported-begin##Brenda Machingo Schuster##imported-end##

August 16, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ My thoughts and prayers are with all "The Saunders Family" during this difficult time! May you all treasure the memories of him and keep them close to your heart! With Heartfelt Sympathy & Love.

Diane Little & Family##imported-begin##Diane Little##imported-end##

August 16, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ Dear Artie,
You may not remember me from high school, but I do remember you from sharing classes together. I just read your father's obituary, and am sorry for your loss. Losing our parents is quite difficult. I wish you and your family the best during this trying time.##imported-begin##Jeanne Mero Larcombe##imported-end##

August 16, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ Art, Gerry, and family-We were so sorry to hear about your DAD. Please remember the good times and fond memories. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all.##imported-begin##Walker & Delores Spence##imported-end##

August 16, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ Our thoughts and prayers are with all the Saunders family.##imported-begin##Michael and Betty Mahnke##imported-end##

August 16, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ Art, family know that our thoughts and prayers are with you. He fought a good fight; and now is at peace. His legacy lives on in all of you. You were blessed by his life and all of you enriched and blessed his life. May God comfort each one of you.##imported-begin##Ruth Elliott##imported-end##

August 16, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ Art, Geraldine & family,
I will miss Mr. Saunders' wit and sense of humor. He could tell a good story and a great joke. I will miss the twinkle in his eye when he got to the punch line.
Lots of prayers for you and the family.##imported-begin##Karen Lovelace Fallin & son, Joshua##imported-end##

August 16, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ Mr. Saunders was a great man and taught me much as a child. I can remember picking peaches in the front yard as well as jumping in that white wooden boat out back to fetch a bushell of crabs. It seems as if it were only Yesterday.
We are sorry for your loss and know that our Thoughts and Prayers are with you in this time of sorrow. We understand all that you are going through and know that our Lord is with you in this time of grief and sorrow.
Matthew, Karen, Cameron & Christian Webster##imported-begin##Matthew Webster##imported-end##

August 16, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ Daniel, Heather & Family,
Our thoughts and prayers are with each one of you. If we can be of any help please let us know as we are only a phone call away.
Psalm 23.
May God cradle you in His loving arms.
Grandparents: Walter & Louise Ashley##imported-begin##Walter & Louise Ashely##imported-end##

August 15, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ Dan, Heather & Family,
Louise told us about your Grandfather's Passing and we just want you to know that you are in our thoughts and prayers. Grandfathers are very special.
1 Peter:5:7
Love & God Bless
Uncle Cecil & Aunt Myrtle Jean Blevins###imported-begin##Cecil & Myrtle Jean Blevins###imported-end##

August 15, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ Saunders Family,

I will always remember Uncle Arthur as a resourceful person who loved his family and was committed to their well being. He was generous, talented, and very intelligent. He will be sorely missed, but I am sure he is rejoicing with Grandmama at his new home. I hope he has an ocean view!###imported-begin##Jack and Dayna Austin###imported-end##

August 15, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ I miss my grandfather Arthur. I was blessed with him for 40 years and have many fond memories over the years. He was a tremendous man and role model, from whom I learned alot.###imported-begin##AE ###imported-end##

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