



Carlton Burnett Cobb

January 7, 2013

Carlton Burnett Cobb passed away on January 7, 2013, at Churchland House. Carlton was the son of Laura Louise Smalley Cobb and Thomas Earl Cobb. He was born in Greenville, SC. In 1937, he moved from Shelby, NC to Norfolk, VA where he met his future wife, Bertha Vermell Sprinkle, who predeceased him. They were married on December 26, 1942, and had two children, Kenton L. Cobb and Janis Cobb Ewing, who survive him. He also has three grandchildren, Jeffrey T. Cobb, E. Johanna Cobb and Amy Ewing Byrum and four great-grandchildren, Camryn and Rylee Byrum and Cy and Selah Steele-Cobb.

Carlton served in United States Coast Guard during World War II. He was stationed on the Eastern Shore for which he had an abiding fondness. Following the war, Carlton worked at the Norfolk Naval Shipyard for 34 years. He retired in 1977 and established a successful antique business with his wife.

Carlton loved sports and especially baseball. He was one of four founding managers in the Olive Branch League. He coached the Garrett's Pharmacy Indians for three seasons, and his team won two consecutive league championships. He later coached the Tidewater Feed & Seed team to a Babe Ruth League championship.

Carlton loved being around people as well as visiting and helping friends. He rarely went anywhere locally without recognizing people and being remembered. His presence will be greatly missed by his friends and family. The family wishes to thank special friends Mary and Megan Robertson and Don Wessing for their support, assistance and prayers through the years.

Services will be held at 11:00 a.m. Saturday in Loving Funeral Home by Pastor Gene Primm. Burial will follow in Meadowbrook Memorial Gardens with military honors. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the American Cancer Society.

Tribute Wall



“ So sorry to hear of Mr. Cobb's passing. Saw him just a few weeks ago at the Driver Farm Market. He was my coach in Babe Ruth League when I first moved to Churchland and we talked about the trip the team took to the Yankees Senators game after the season. It was always a pleasure to see him. My condolences to his family.##imported-begin##*Joe Saunders*##imported-end##

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“ We met Mr. Cobb through our daughter, Wendy Boyce, who lived next door. We loved the over-the-fence conversations when we visited. He was a kind and caring person and will be sorely missed.##imported-begin##*Peggy & Alan Garrett*##imported-end##

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“ Dear, dear Mr. Cobb,
You were an incomparable friend and neighbor, always caring and always sharing who can forget your hopping the fence to deliver those cantaloupes, strawberries and garden harvests. My daughter grew up with you and we matured into homeowners under your watchful eye! Your advice about home and garden upkeep was indispensable. Our "back-fence chats" about the ways of the world will always be memorable.
Those chats often included news of the family of whom you were immensely proud. I can still see your smiles as you talk of your grandchildren.
And then there is Vermell, the sweetest woman who ever lived. Your devotion to her was unparalleled and demonstrated the true measure of the man you were.
To your family: when someone you love becomes a memory, that memory becomes a treasure.##imported-begin##Connie, Bill and Jessica Duane##imported-end##

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“ Family, I will miss Carlton especially our afternoon chats.

Donald Wessing##imported-begin##Donald Wessing##imported-end##

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“ MY PRAYERS GO OUT TO THE FAMILY AND FRIENDS.I HAVE GREAT LOVE FOR BASEBALL BECAUSE OF MR.COBB ALSO MANY LASTING MEMORIES PLAYING FOR HIM.##imported-begin##DALE L. HOLDEN##imported-end##

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“ I wish to express condolences to the Cobb family. Mr. Cobb coached me in Little League and later I became a coach and pro scout. I passed my love of baseball to my son who played for Radford U. My initial experience under Mr. Cobb was a great baseball experience and his love for the game continues through others!##imported-begin##Jack Cooper##imported-end##

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“ My sincere sympathy goes out to Janis and Kenton and their entire family. Mr. Cobb was a wonderful neighbor and friend to my parents for many years.##imported-begin##Peggy Mills Madden##imported-end##

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