



Charles Wilson Jennings

December 18, 2011

Charles Wilson Jennings, 88, Charlie went to be with the Lord on Dec. 18, 2011. He was the son of the late Lucy and Bruce Jennings and born in the Deep Creek Section of Wallaston. Charlie attended the Old Churchland High School and retired from Virginia Power after 40 years of service. He was drafted in the Navy in 1942 and served on a Navy dive bomber as a tail gunner.

Charlie is survived by his wife of 64 years, Iris Quillin Jennings; nieces and nephews, David and Dottie Reitz, Paul and Jeanette Reitz, Danny and Beth Reitz, Karen and Tony Facenda; great-nieces and great-nephews, Brian and Michael Reitz, Rachel Turner, Rebekah Cornell, Kelly Zalewski, Morgan Reitz, Jonathan and David Facenda and his best friend and sister-in-law, Charlotte Harte with whom they traveled. He is also survived by his, sister, Laura Butler; brother, John Jennings and a number of Jennings nieces and nephews.

He was called the "Doll House Man" he built doll houses and donated them to the American Cancer Society for raffling. He also built a number of doll houses for children in the family. Charlie was a devoted member of Broad Street United Methodist Church for over 60 years, during that time he sang in the choir, was on the Church Council and was an usher. He loved to travel, ride his moped, camp and tend to his yard.

The family would like to express a special thank you to all the Nurses and Dr's on the ICU2 at Chesapeake Regional Hospital for the excellent care given to Mr. Jennings. God bless you.

A funeral service will be held at 3:00 p.m. Wednesday in Broad Street United Methodist Church by Rev. Lisa R. Blackmonson and Pastor, Tony Facenda, with burial to follow in Churchland Baptist Church Cemetery. The family will receive friends in Loving Funeral Home, Churchland Chapel Tuesday from 6-7:30 p.m. In lieu of flowers donations may be made to Broad Street United Methodist Church or to the American Cancer Society Relay for Life Hickory Middle School Team, Captain Danny Reitz.

Tribute Wall



“ I was saddened to hear of the recent passing of the "Doll House Man" who graced our Relay For Life events for so many years. Mr. Jennings appeared as a long-time cancer survivor on my late husband, Terry Zahn's 1994 National Relay video and he went on to inspire many thousands of people across the country. Terry took Charlie and his wife to one of the national Relay conferences and he was treated like a "rock" star. He will always be in our hearts and collective Relay memories and be a part of the history of Relay For Life. Deep condolences to Mrs, Jennings and family and friends who will miss him dearly. Thank you, Charlie, for your indomitable spirit and the many doll houses you built! Say "hello" to Terry for me.

Mrs. Jean Zahn##imported-begin##Jean Zahn##imported-end##

December 30, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you in your great loss.##imported-begin##Jim and Charlotte Hill##imported-end##

December 21, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ *Death leaves a heartache no one can heal, love leaves a memory no one can steal. I only hope that your fond memories can bring you peace and comfort. More of the Old CAT association are camping in heaven and Charles will be joining them.. I have the best memories when thinking of him and you IRIS...and oh the smiles. Yes I am still in San Diego and miss mom even though it has been 19 years. Nina was so special as all those from the camping days.. Blessing and condolences to the many who knew Charles...kathy gainor Ventura###imported-begin##Kathryn Gainor Ventura###imported-end##*

December 20, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ *Dear Iris, You are in my thoughts and prayers. May God bless you today and in the days ahead. Love Ida###imported-begin##Ida Lehotay###imported-end##*

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“ *Our deepest sympathy to you and your family. His cherished memories are many and he will not be forgotten, he is just away. Love Anna & Fred###imported-begin##Anna & Fred Armstrong###imported-end##*

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“ We only knew Charlie a short time, in small group, but feel oh so fortunate. God has a marvelous servant with Him now!

Blessings and comfort to you, Iris, Danny, Beth, and your families.##imported-begin##Jeff and Jennie Dinsmore##imported-end##

December 19, 2011 at 12:00 AM