



Edward K. Rabey III

October 13, 2014

Edward Kaedar Rabey, III died peacefully on October 13th at the Autumn Care Nursing Home in Chesapeake at the age of 89. A longtime resident of Nansemond County and Suffolk, he was surprisingly born in Brooklyn NY to his beloved Mother Martha L. Rabey. At the age of 4 he returned to the Family Home in Nansemond county with his mother and two sisters, Emeline and Margaret where he lived until 2010. Both sisters and parents predecease him. He graduated from Chuckatuck High School in 1942 and is a WWII veteran having served in the US Army from 1945-1948 in occupied Germany. He also attended Old Dominion University. He worked at Sinclair Petroleum as a manager for many years where he met the love of his life, Constance "Connie."

They were married 37 years until her passing. Mr. Rabey also held the position of Delinquent Tax Collector for the City of Portsmouth for 20 years where he retired in 1989. Mr. Rabey was affectionately known by his family as "Sonny" and Sonny brought a smile and kindness to everyone he met. He loved his pets dearly and never turned away a stray cat, dog, or duck. Caring for his many pets and yard helped keep him young.

He was special to many, but especially to his beloved nephew, William "Billy" Sawyer, who he helped raise from the age of 6 months. He is predeceased by Billy just 2 years ago. He was also extremely special to his great niece Sherry Sawyer Andrews, who has cared for him since 2006. He is survived by step-children, Robert Maxson and Marilyn Stack and 7 step-grandchildren. He is

also survived by great nieces Jennifer Sawyer Gilbert and Wendy Sawyer Alley and many other nieces and nephews. In lieu of flowers, please donate to your local Humane Society to help care for all those animals Mr. Rabey can no longer save.

A celebration of "Sonnys" life will be held at 1 p.m. Friday in Loving Funeral Home Churchland Chapel, by Rev. Thomas Mercer, Sr. Burial will follow with Military Honors at Meadowbrook Memorial Gardens. The family will receive friends in the funeral home one hour prior to the service.

Cemetery Details

Meadowbrook Memorial Gardens

4569 Shoulders Hill Road
Suffolk, VA 23435

Tribute Wall

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“ *What a great life he lived. He brought a smile to everyone's life he touched. While I will miss my Papa dearly, I will cherish all my fond memories of him from all the cats I got to know because of him and Papa's pancakes on Sunday mornings when I was a little girl! May he rest in peace as the rest of us celebrate his life. I love you Papa!*

Tara - October 16, 2014 at 10:26 AM

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“ *Tara lit a candle in memory of Edward K. Rabey III*



Tara - October 16, 2014 at 10:22 AM

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“ *E.K. holds a special place in my heart, his kindness to me will always be remembered.*

Jim an I pray that God's love and peace will surround the family during this difficult time.

*With our deepest sympathy,
Tammie and Jim Bebout*

Jim and Tammie Bebout - October 15, 2014 at 11:08 AM