



## Edward Joseph Woodard, Sr.

January 13, 2012

Edward J. Woodard, Sr. "E.J." , 88, was born to the late John L. Woodard, Sr. and Ruth N. Woodard. He is survived by his devoted and loving wife, Catherine Jean Gay Woodard and his sons, Edward J. Woodard, Jr. and wife, Sharon, Robert L. Woodard, Sr. and wife, Linda. Grandchildren, Brandon, Robbie and wife, Heather, Ryan and wife, Allison. Great-Grandchildren, Kallie, Gabriel and Tyler, as well as, many wonderful nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his brothers, Paul, Shelton, Thomas, Rudolph, Joshua and John L. Woodard Jr. and four sisters, Pearl, Iva, Constance, and Gertie.

He was a WWII Veteran, serving in the European Theatre in the U.S. Army Combat of Engineers as a Staff Sargent. He was a believer in Jesus Christ, with membership in Western Branch Baptist Church and River Shore Baptist Church. He served in the Portsmouth Baptist Association as Sunday School Superintendent, starting five Sunday Schools, Pinecrest Baptist Church, Brentlox Baptist Church, Academy Park Baptist Church, Taylor Road Baptist Church and Green Lakes Baptist Church. He taught the Parker Bible class from 1966 to the present. He was a 60 year member of Portsmouth 100/Churchland Masonic Lodge No. 276. He was also a member of Port Norfolk Royal Arch, Commandery, Khedive Temple, Scottish Rite, American Legion and a Past Patron of Tidal Wave No. 9 O.E.S.

Edward J. Woodard, Sr. "E.J." was a hero to his wife of 70 years and family.

He will be remembered by many loved ones and friends for his devotion to serving God. Donations can be made to a charity of choice.

A funeral service will be held at 11:00 a.m. Tuesday in Western Branch Baptist Church. Entombment will follow in Greenlawn Memorial Gardens with Full Military Honors and Masonic Rites. The family will receive friends in Loving Funeral Home, Churchland Chapel Monday from 6-7 p.m.

# Tribute Wall



“ *My heartfelt condolences go out to the entire Woodard family. He will be missed. The one thing that really stands out to me, is every single time EJ greeted me, he made me feel like he was really happy to see me. Like I was the only person in the room for just that moment. I will always cherish my memories.##imported-begin##Carolynn White##imported-end##*

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January 20, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ *Ed and Sharon,  
We send our love and prayers for your great loss.*

*What an impressive hero of the faith and country your dad was. I regret that we never knew him, but I can see how he moulded you; so in some way we do know him.*

*We will continue to remember you in prayer for your grieving and loss. Extend Our love to your dear mother too, she lost a part of herself.*

*Warmly,  
Peggy and Marty##imported-begin##Peggy and Marty Poole  
JR.##imported-end##*

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January 17, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ Mrs. Woodard: I am so very sorry to hear of the passing of Mr. Woodard. He was such a wonderful man to everyone who knew him. I will always cherish the memories I have of him and you. I will keep you in my thoughts and prayers. God Bless You.##imported-begin##Judith Boyd Smith##imported-end##

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January 17, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ My sincerest condolences to the Woodard family: Jean, Ed Jr. or Dukie as I knew him and Bobby. We go back a long way to our JMBC days and I have many special memories of your family over the years. May you feel our Father's love especially close to you at this time and the days to come. God be with you all.##imported-begin##Alice Eavey Moscoffian##imported-end##

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January 17, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ May God lift you and your family up during this time of sorrow. EJ is home in heaven. So find peace and rest in knowing he is safe while always remembering all that you shared with him because he loves you and wants you hold onto those memories. EJ was a wonderful, loving and godly man and we are all very blessed to have known him.##imported-begin##Kathy Grimes Peacock and Brady##imported-end##

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January 17, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ Bob, Linda and family -- we are so sorry to hear about the loss of your father/grandfather -- you are in our thoughts and prayers and we are here for you if you need anything -- Love Gary and Debbie###imported-begin##Debbie and Gary Garrison###imported-end##

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January 16, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ Mr Woodard, Was very sorry to learn about your father's death. May God be with you and your family at this difficult time.###imported-begin##Margaret Norfleet###imported-end##

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January 16, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ Jean & Family,  
We will miss EJ's friendly, caring smile. He was an excellent example of a Christian who loved his Lord and served Him faithfully. He witnessed to all by his words and his daily life.###imported-begin##Gerald & Olive Eavey###imported-end##

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January 16, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ We've  
We've all lost a great friend of many, many years. We are indeed sad.###imported-begin##Bill & Rhonda Bailey###imported-end##

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January 16, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ My prayers and thoughts are with you at this difficult time.###imported-begin##Carlyn Wyers###imported-end##

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January 16, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ Dukie, Sharon and family, although I did not know your Dad personally I wanted to express my sympathy in your loss and let you know that you are in my thoughts and prayers at this most difficult time.##imported-begin##Mary Lu Glindeman##imported-end##

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January 16, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ Ed, So sorry for the loss of your father. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.  
Mark and Cindy Summs##imported-begin##Mark Summs##imported-end##

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January 16, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ Jean, Bob, Linda, Robbie and Ryan and family,  
We are very sorry to hear about E.J.'s passing, he was truly one of the sweetest men we've had the pleasure to know. We love you, Albert, Christie and Evan##imported-begin##Albert and Christie White##imported-end##

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January 16, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ I met Mr. Woodard at Churchland Masonic Lodge, what a wonderful man.  
  
God Bless his family at their time of sorrow.##imported-begin##Robert W. Camp Jr##imported-end##

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January 16, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ Jean, my heart goes out to you and your family at the loss of E.J. God gives us the peace and strength to get thru these times .- I know I've been there. My sincere condolences,##imported-begin##Mildred Camp##imported-end##

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January 16, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ We would like to extend our condolences to the Woodard family. Our thoughts are with you. Marilyn, Ray, Scott and Jen##imported-begin##marilynn rebby##imported-end##

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“ Bob and Linda  
Please let us know if there is anything we can do.

Rick & Shelly##imported-begin##Rick & Shelly##imported-end##

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January 16, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ We wish to express our Condolences on the passing of Edward Joseph Woodard, Sr. If we may be of assistance to your family, please let us know.

KILL DEVIL HILLS POLICE DEPARTMENT##imported-begin##Kill Devil Hills Police Department##imported-end##

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January 16, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ Please accept our heartfelt condolences. If Cindy or I can assist in anyway, please let us know.  
Dana And Cindy Harris###imported-begin##Dana Harris###imported-end##

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January 16, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ Bob and Linda,  
Sorry to hear of your loss.  
Sounds like he was a great man.  
You're in our hearts and prayers.  
Sincerely,  
Larry and Martye White###imported-begin##Larry White###imported-end##

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January 15, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ Will miss Uncle EJ, my last uncle.###imported-begin##Elizabeth A. Bundick###imported-end##

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January 15, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ Jean:  
EJ was one in a million to Chris and I and Allison. Your love for one another was such an example of what life is all about. Please know how much WE love you and will continue to pray for you!!  
Teresa & Chris And Mrs. Allison Janie Kittrell###imported-begin##Teresa & Chris Turner###imported-end##

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January 15, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ Dear Jean,  
On behalf of our family, you are in our thoughts & prayers over the loss of your beloved "EJ".##imported-begin##Craig A. Neathery##imported-end##

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January 15, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ Mrs. Jean and family,  
You are in our thoughts and prayers. Mr. Woodard was certainly an example of a fine Christian family man. I know that you and he shared 70 years of marriage, and that certainly is a statistic to be very proud of. We love you, and want you to know that you can always call on us. We pray that God will grant you, and your family the courage, and strength needed to get through the coming days. Love, Larry and Alyce Furlough##imported-begin##Alyce & Larry Furlough##imported-end##

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January 15, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ We were honored with the privilege of caring for Mr. Woodard. We share in your sorrow. We will always remember celebrating your very special 70th wedding anniversary with you. God Bless. VICU staff##imported-begin##Vascular Intensive Care Unit Nurses##imported-end##

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“ DENNIS AND I SEND OUR CONDOLENCES TO YOUR FAMILY. I REMEMBER YOUR FATHER DURING OUR CHILDHOOD YEARS. OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS ARE WITH YOU. BETTY JEAN RUSSELL MCMURRAN###imported-begin##BETTY JEAN MCMURRAN###imported-end##

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January 15, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ My deepest sympathy is extended to all of Mr. Woodard's family and friends in mourning today. My thoughts are with you. We are all fortunate to have had his goodness and presence in our community for so many years. He will be sorely missed by many.###imported-begin##Bernie Kirsch###imported-end##

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January 15, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ So sorry for your loss. He was a fine gentleman who loved the Lord.###imported-begin##Brian and Roberta Estes###imported-end##

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January 15, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ Dear Aunt Jean and Family, We are so sorry for the loss of Uncle EJ. He was truly a gentleman who always had a smile and kind words for his family. He reminded us so much of our Paw-Paw, Josh Woodard, and had that same wonderful smile. Our thoughts and prayers are with you. Love, Kevin, Dara, and Josh Snell###imported-begin##Kevin, Dara, and Josh Snell###imported-end##

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January 15, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ Although we met a little over two years ago at my brother "Woody's" viewing I was in hopes of having more conversations with you about our "Family".

May God bless "Family" and Loved ones at this difficult time.##imported-begin##Gayle W. Gibson##imported-end##

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January 15, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ Our family did not have the opportunity to know Mr. Woodard but we know his service to our Country and his love of God says it all about this man. Our Country at this time needs more Mr. Woodard's to set examples how to serve and live. Our family is praying for God's comfort to Mrs. Woodard And her family. God Bless You All.##imported-begin##Nick & Carol Nuzzi##imported-end##

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January 15, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ I will miss Granddaddy Woodard-E.J. and his warm and happy smile. He always seemed to light up when you walked into the room and was so genuinely happy to see you and always gave the biggest hugs! Such a sweet and loving gentleman. It was truly an honor to know him. My family and I want you to know that you are all in our thoughts and prayers. Love and hugs to you all.##imported-begin##Angie and Sean Estes##imported-end##

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January 14, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ I was E.J.'s home health nurse. He and his wife were more than just my patients. They are dear friends. E.J. was a wonderful, loving man. I will miss him very much. I loved him and send my love and prayers to Mrs. Woodard.##imported-begin##Debbie Redmon##imported-end##

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January 14, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ He made the world a better place and gave GREAT wisdom and guidance to his grandsons...we're praying for God's comfort to be with you at this sad time.##imported-begin##Jeanie and Paul Vestal##imported-end##

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January 14, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ My own father passed away after a long, painful illness and it left us feeling sad to miss him but so relieved that he was no longer hurting and I believe you all must be feeling the same. My best wishes to you and your family as you deal with this difficult time.##imported-begin##Mary E. Quidley##imported-end##

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January 14, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ Sooooo sorry for the loss of Mr. Woodard, may he look down upon his wonderful family from time to time##imported-begin##David Rountree Jr.##imported-end##

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January 14, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ Granddaddy, you were an inspiration to us all! You loved life, your family and the lord. You will be missed by us all! WE LOVE YOU Granddaddy!##imported-begin##Allison Woodard##imported-end##

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January 14, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ Grandad I love u and miss u dearly, you've left me w/ more widsom than any other. I'm honored to be the apple of your eye.

Love Ya, Robbie##imported-begin##Robbie Woodard##imported-end##

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January 13, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ Love you PoP, YOU are our Hero!  
Linda and Bob##imported-begin##Robert L Woodard Sr##imported-end##

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