



Ernest D. Blackburn

March 23, 2025

In Loving Memory of Ernest D. Blackburn

Ernest Blackburn, a proud Navy veteran, devoted husband, loving father, and cherished

grandfather, passed away peacefully on March 23, 2025, at the age of 81.

Ernest dedicated his life to service, family, and country.

A true patriot, Ernest served his nation with honor and courage as a member of the United States Navy for 26 years. His years in uniform were marked by unwavering dedication to the values of duty and sacrifice. Following his military service, Ernest continued to embody those values in his everyday life, always putting his loved ones and his community first.

He is survived by his daughter Carola Bennett (Ken Bennett), granddaughter Kaitlin Lieberman (Bret Lieberman), grandson Ryan Bennett (Katie Bennett), and great grandson Asher Lieberman. He was preceded in death by his beloved wife of 50 years, Vina Jean Blackburn, with whom he shared a lifetime of love and partnership. Together they built a home filled with warmth, laughter, and cherished memories.

Above all, Ernest was a devoted family man – a doting husband, a loving father, and proud grandfather and recently great-grandfather. His greatest joy

came from spending time with his family, offering support and endless love. His legacy of kindness, strength, and integrity will live on in the hearts of those who knew him.

Ernest will be deeply missed by his family, friends, and all who were fortunate enough to know him. As we mourn his passing, we also celebrate a life well lived – one dedicated to service, love, and to those he held dear.

A service to honor Ernest's life will be held at Loving Funeral Home in Portsmouth, VA on Friday March 28th. Viewing at 1:30pm and funeral service at 2:30pm. The burial will be at Albert G. Horton, Jr. Memorial Veterans Cemetery with full military honors on April 17th at 3:00pm.

Cemetery Details

Albert G. Horton Veteran Cemetery

5310 Milners Road
Suffolk, VA 23434

Previous Events

A Visitation Celebrating His Life

MAR 28. 1:30 AM - 2:30 AM (ET)

Loving Funeral Home Churchland Chapel
3225 Academy Ave
Portsmouth, VA 23703

Funeral Service

MAR 28. 2:30 PM (ET)

Loving Funeral Home Churchland Chapel
3225 Academy Ave
Portsmouth, VA 23703

Tribute Wall

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“ *Veteran Blackburn has a special place in the hearts of the administrative staff at Albert G. Horton. He spent quite a bit of time with us and made it a point to get to know each of us individually and he went out of his way to make sure when he came to visit, we had a good lunch too. His kindness and thoughtfulness always brightened our day.* ”

Leslie - March 27, 2025 at 10:38 AM

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Carola, Joe and I send our prayers and deepest sympathy to you and your family.

Bessie Brooks-Garnett - March 29, 2025 at 09:33 AM