



Harvey Russell Ackiss

November 27, 2013

Harvey Russell Ackiss, 86, of Portsmouth, VA, passed away November 27, 2013. He was predeceased by his parents, Roger R. and Elizabeth Lizzie T. Ackiss and his sister, Jean Davis. Survivors include his wife Lora Kay Schultz Ackiss, his sister Edna Earl Truss, his brother Bobby Warren Ackiss and wife Jean Ackiss, three sons F. Paige Ackiss and wife Becky H. Ackiss, Phoenix S. Ackiss, and George E. Schultz and wife Deborah C. Schultz, his daughter Gwen E. Schultz, his grandchildren Vere' L. Schultz and wife Mallorie K. Schultz, Kyle R. Schultz, Christopher A. Schultz, Karen E. Ackiss and April C. Sherman, and three great grandchildren.

He enlisted in the Merchant Marines as a troop carrier. He was a member of the Sea Scouts. He retired from NAS Oceana receiving numerous awards including the highest Civilian Service Award which was presented to him by the Honorable U.S. Senator ret G. William Whitehurst. He was a founding member and President for 12 years of the Oceana Credit Union. He also designed and carved their logo. Harvey was a world class carver, winning numerous awards including the World Championship Wildfowl Carving Competition. He also was a carving instructor. He was honored by the Carvers of the Back Bay Wildfowl Guild with a plaque displayed at the VA Beach oceanfront. He also enjoyed hunting, fishing and woodworking.

Friends will be received at Loving Funeral Home on Monday, December 2nd

from 6:00–7:30 p.m. Service will be held at Loving on Tuesday, December 3rd at 12:00 p.m. Burial to follow at Woodlawn Memorial Gardens with military honors. Memorial donations may be made to the American Cancer Society, the American Heart Association, or the Back Bay Wildfowl Guild. Online condolences may be made at www.lovingfuneralhome.com.

Tribute Wall



“ To Kay and all of your family. Harvey was my first inspiration in wildfowl carving. He was a great teacher and helper, but most of all, a friend. We cannot replace him, but The Lord will help to always remember the wonderful man he was to you, his family, and to us, his friends. Bob and Claudia Storms##imported-begin##Bob and Claudia Storms##imported-end##

December 02, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ Sincere sympathy to Kay and family
I took my first class with Harvey in 1986 which led to a long and meaningful relationship. Harvey was very inspirational in my carving career. The carving world has lost a great carver and a very good friend.##imported-begin##Al and Rita Brandtner##imported-end##

December 02, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ Kay, please know we are keeping all of you in our thoughts and prayers, upon Harvey's passing. My oldest son, Spencer, was so incredibly fond of Harvey. You may recall, many years ago, we made an "emergency" trip to your house to pick up some glass eyes for one of Spencer's decoys, *THE DAY BEFORE A COMPETITION!* Harvey was so generous with his time, talents, & guidance. Spencer hung on every word of advice that Harvey shared with him...we especially loved the story Harvey relayed about dropping one of his world-entry carvings, as he was putting it into the car to drive to Maryland for the World Carving Championships. Harvey reminded Spencer, "Always take some glue and extra paint with you, just in case..." Harvey was instrumental in igniting Spencer's passion for decoy carving. Spencer, in turn, shared that passion with his younger brother, Clay, so we have all been incredibly blessed by Harvey's friendship.

Rest in peace, dear pal.

Fondly,

Denise V. Tinkham & family##imported-begin##Denise V. Tinkham##imported-end##

December 01, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ Kay and family,
We are deeply saddened by Harvey's passing. He was a fantastic and giving person with a great sense of humor. We wish you peace and comfort in knowing he is with our Lord.##imported-begin##Greg & Jan Franceski##imported-end##

December 01, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ Our sincere sympathy to you at this time. May the caring of friends bring you comfort and may all of your happy memories sustain you and bring you peace. Harvey was an inspiration to us as we were learning to carve. He was always willing to share his expertise and wisdom. We felt blessed to have known Harvey.##imported-begin##Frank & Bobbie Piland##imported-end##

November 30, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ Harvey was an all around wonderful gentleman. It didn't matter if you needed a 2 dollar brush, an expensive machine or just some good advice Harvey was there for you. He was an outstanding instructor, always adding a little humor, giving clear instructions and keeping us straight. Along the way we are fortunate to meet a few real people. I met Harvey.##imported-begin##Ed Morrison##imported-end##

November 30, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ Vere, Our thoughts and prayers are with you in your time of sorrow. We love you. If you need anything just call##imported-begin##Joe Worley and Family##imported-end##

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“ OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS ARE WITH YOU. WE HAVE WONDERFUL REMEMBERANCES OF HARVEY GOING BACK AS FAR AS THE BEGINING OF THE BACK BAY WILDFOWL GUILD. HARVEY WAS ALWAYS A WONDERFUL GENTLEMAN AND A FANTASTIC CARVER. HE GLADLY GAVE ASSISTANCE TO ANYONE WHO NEEDED IT AND WAS PLEASED TO HAVE BEEN OF HELP. SO MANY CARVERS ARE BETTER OFF BECAUSE OF HARVEY. HE WILL BE WELL REMEMBERED IN MANY WAYS BY SO MANY PEOPLE.
THANK YOU, MY FRIEND.##imported-begin##BILL & ALICE WALSH##imported-end##

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“ Kay and family; we are so saddened at the loss of Harvey, and yet we hold dear in our hearts the many fond memories and the opportunity of being called by him, "a friend."
We hold you in our prayers. John##imported-begin##Rev John Alford##imported-end##

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“ Kay and family; Our prayers are so with you all at this most difficult time. Harvey was so much a part of our lives too, and while we find it difficult to accept this loss, the years of memories are now more important than ever. We hold you in our prayers, which, as I write the words they seem small, but the love that writes them is anything but small. Love, Nancy##imported-begin##Dr. Nancy Alford##imported-end##

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“ *Dear Ones: I write on behalf of the Museum... Harvey will be greatly missed, but also remembered for his wonderful contributions to the members of the Back Bay Wildfowl Guild. All of you are in our thoughts and prayers. Please call us if you need us! All the Best - Clark##imported-begin##Clark Mandigo, Atlantic Wildfowl Heritage Museum##imported-end##*

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