



Horace L. Deans

May 17, 2011

Horace Lorenzo "Lee" Deans, 88, a native of Churchland, died suddenly on May 17, 2011, and will be missed by his family and friends. He was preceded in death by his mother, Erma Saunders Deans, and his father, Horace Lee Deans. He is survived by his sister Mary Way of Virginia Beach, VA, his children and grandchildren.

Horace grew up in the farmlands of the tidewater, becoming an avid hunter and woodsman at an early age. After graduating from Churchland High School, he attended the University of Richmond before working at Nansmond Army Ammunition Depot. He answered his country's call during World War II, serving in the US Army Ordnance Technical Intelligence in Europe. Following the war, he was Chief Ammunition Inspector with US 8th Army and Japan Logistical Command. Horace was a Safety Engineer with the Army Material Command and in 1982 he retired as a Safety Engineer with the Department of Defense Explosive Safety Board, Washington, DC. For his 40 years career, he was awarded the Defense Meritorious Civil Service Metal.

Horace always said that he was doubly blessed to have loved and been loved by two wonderful women. Mary Hulbert Deans, the mother of his children, preceded him in death in 1998. In 2000, Horace returned to Churchland to marry his high school sweetheart, Jacquie Bland McCready Deans. They enjoyed almost ten years together before her death in 2009. Horace leaves

behind three children, and eight grandchildren. His son, Parke Lee Deans, and his wife Margaret Sorensen Deans, of Abingdon, VA, and their children, Carole Margaret Deans of Deep Gap, NC, and Ruth Saunders Deans of Charlotte, NC remember Grampi's thoughtful prayers, and his love of the outdoors. His daughter, Susan Deans Riesett Morgan, of Lexington, NC, and her children, Patrick Thomas Riesett of Charlotte, NC, Chadwick Jay Riesett of Boone, NC and Stephanie Abbigail Riesett of Lexington, NC remember Grampi for his interest in their activities and accomplishments. His daughter, Virginia Hulbert Deans Richardson, and her husband Ronald Lee Richardson, of Conyers, GA and their children, Nicole Lee Richardson of Laurinburg, NC, Joseph Deans Richardson, and Eric Ronald Richardson of Conyers, GA will miss all the stories, poems and songs that Grampi shared with them.

Horace influenced many young people, in addition to his children and grandchildren, through his work as a BSA Scoutmaster for 15 years, a loyal, hardworking member of the Kiwanis Club, and a member of various Veteran's organizations.

Special thanks to the many family and friends who surrounded Horace in his later years including Rennie Richardson, Jay Richardson and family, Kathy Richardson Shore and family, and Bill Richardson and family, Eddie Russell and family, Nina Randolph and family, Edna Addison and Henry Hamilton, Ann and Bryant Barnes, and Bobbie McCready Parrish. The committal and memorial service for Horace Deans will be held at 4:00 p.m. on Friday, May 20, 2011 at Churchland Baptist Church with Dr. Lawrence Coleman and Dr. Dan Koger officiating. The family will receive friends following the service. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Churchland Baptist Church or Hoffler Creek Wildlife Preserve. Loving Funeral Home is serving the family.

Tribute Wall



“ will miss you. Bill##imported-begin##Bill Cloe##imported-end##

May 21, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ So sorry I was unable to come to the services but I was in the midst of moving from Admiral's Landing on the Portsmouth waterfront to Lake Prince Woods in Suffolk. I am one of Horace's few remaining classmates of the class of 1940 at Churchland and came thru grades 1-11 with Horace. He knew Churchland history like no one else and will be greatly missed. I am so glad he came back to this area. Dorothy Monroe Hill##imported-begin##Dorothy Monroe Hill##imported-end##

May 21, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ Virginia,
May the Lord strengthen and give you and your family His peace which passeth all understanding. Know that you are all in my prayers.
With love, Jackie.##imported-begin##Jacqueline Sinclair##imported-end##

May 21, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ Virginia and Family: I am sorry to hear of the passing of your father. Please know that you are in my prayers. May God comfort you during this time and give you strength during the days and weeks ahead.##imported-begin##Janice Craven##imported-end##

May 20, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ *Condolences to the family. I had the pleasure of knowing Mr. Deans through his daughter, Virginia Richardson, and a few greeting cards he exchanged with our Sunday School Class. He communicated with sincerity, warmth, and kindness. It was a joy to hear from him. I am praying for Virginia - my sister in Christ - and this family. May the Peace of God be with you, always.##imported-begin##Vera Redwine##imported-end##*

May 20, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ *Quite a man. Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you.##imported-begin##Jerry and Betty Kirkpatrick##imported-end##*

May 20, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ *My prayers and thoughts are with you, Virginia, as well as your family. May the peace and grace of GOD give everyone strength and know His love is with you.
Your sister in Christ,
Belinda Light##imported-begin##Belinda Light##imported-end##*

May 20, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ *Heart felt thoughts and prayers go out to the family at this time.##imported-begin##Rhonda Serrette##imported-end##*

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“ *Kiwanis Div 21 sends their condolences. Horace will be missed by the close friends he had made in the Kiwanis Club of Portsmouth.##imported-begin##Rick Gonzales##imported-end##*

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“ *THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS ARE WITH YOU.##imported-begin##MEADE REALTY##imported-end##*

May 19, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ *Understanding your sorrow, keeping you and the family in my prayers. Judy##imported-begin##Judy Osborne##imported-end##*

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