



Paul L. Stafford

February 7, 1926 - July 4, 2007

Paul L. Stafford 81, passed away July 4, 2007 at Sentara Obici Hospital. Paul was born February 7, 1926 in Hazel Green, Alabama. He served in the Navy during World War II in the South Pacific where he was captured by the Japanese and held as a POW until escaping into the jungle. He was later recalled into service in the Korean War. After leaving the service Paul went to work with Ford at the Norfolk Assembly Plant, working in several departments, and retired after 35 years as an inspector. Paul served as Co-Chairman of Local 919 Retirees Group and attended Jolliff United Methodist Church . He was preceded in death by his son, Rick P. Stafford. Paul is survived by his loving wife of 60 years, Ruth H. Stafford; daughter, Janet Stafford Haywood and husband, David; grandchildren, Michelle Stafford Marshall and husband, Robert, Rachel Haywood Batts and husband Robert, and Jeff Haywood and wife, Kelly; great-granddaughters, Jessica Marshall, Haley Giovannelli, Madeline Batts, Austyn Haywood; great-grandsons, Bobby Marshall and Jackson Batts. Surviving sisters, are Christine Moyers and Jean Cole and husband, Tom, and surviving brothers, are George Stafford and wife, Jean, Edward Stafford and wife, Pearline.

A funeral service will be held at 3:00 p.m. Sunday in Loving Funeral Home, Churchland Chapel by Rev. Waverly Smitty Smith III with burial in Meadowbrook Memorial Gardens . The family will receive friends in the funeral home Saturday from 6-7:30 p.m. and they suggest memorial contributions to the Jolliff United Methodist Church , Building Fund.

Tribute Wall



“ *With all our Love and Prayers.##imported-begin##Jeff & Kadee Dye##imported-end##*

July 07, 2007 at 12:00 AM



“ *Dear Janet and Family,*

I'm very sorry for your loss. Paul will be greatly missed, especially at Beverly Manor/Golden Living Center Nursing Home on the 3rd Tuesday of every month. I loved to hear him sing! While I'm sorry for your loss, I'm very happy for him, as he is now with your brother, whom Paul missed very much.

Please let me know if there is anything I can do for you.##imported-begin##Debbie Boukhalfa##imported-end##

July 06, 2007 at 12:00 AM



“ *Mr Stafford was a good man and a great friend to my father. He was truly an example of why his generation was called the greatest. My prayers are with Ruth and the family.##imported-begin##Wesley W Carr Jr##imported-end##*

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