



Raymond Earl Hollowell

February 13, 1929 - May 1, 2006

Raymond Earl Hollowell, age 77, went to be with the Lord Monday, May 1. He is survived by his wife, Eunice Sandy Hollowell, He was predeceased by his parents, Una Mae Baines and Colin Hugh Hollowell and his first wife, Allie Jane Hollowell. He is survived by his children, Sharon and Marshall Upright of Suffolk, Cindy and Keith White of Yorktown; step children, Maj. James E. and Joni Duke of San Antonio, TX, Lt. Col. David and Linda Duke, Stuttgart, Germany, Kathy and Richard Konieczny of Toronto, Canada, and Kenneth and Carolyn Duke of Suffolk; 12 grandchildren, Justin Norris, Bethany Duke, Andrew Duke, Rachel Duke, Lauren Duke, Kathryn Konieczny, Laurie Konieczny, Jonathan Konieczny, Kendall Duke, Ashley Duke, Casey Duke and Adam Duke. His granddaughter, Allison Duke predeceased him. He is survived by 5 siblings, Frances Kelley of Suffolk, Anna Bangley of Lexington, Doris Byrd of Suffolk, Barbara Hollowell of Norfolk, Lorraine Ashley of VA Beach. He was predeceased by 4 siblings, Linda Hughes, Charles Hollowell, Edward Hollowell and Bernard Hollowell.

Raymond was a member of the Gideons International and was the Treasurer for the Portsmouth Gideons Camp. He was also a member of Alexander Baptist Church of Portsmouth where he was serving as a Deacon. He retired in 1989 from Norfolk Naval Shipyard where he was an Asbestos removal supervisor and pipe fitter.

A funeral service will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Friday, May 5, in Loving Funeral Home, 3225 Academy Ave., Portsmouth, VA 23703. Dr. Chip Corbin of

Alexander Baptist Church and Dave Jernigan, Chaplain for the VA State Gideons International will be officiating. Burial will be at Holly Lawn Cemetery in Suffolk. A reception will be held at Bethany Baptist Church, 4810 Portsmouth Blvd., Portsmouth, VA 23701, following the graveside service. The family will receive friends on Thursday, from 7-8 p.m. in Loving Funeral Home, Churchland Chapel. Memorial contributions may be made to Gideons International, P.O.BOX 61, Portsmouth, VA 23705 in memory of Raymond.

Tribute Wall



“ *Sandy and Family,
Paula and I are so sorry for your loss. It has been an honor and a privilege to know you and Ray over these past few years. He was an inspiration and an encouragement to us. We will miss him.*###imported-begin###Chuck/Paula Rodgers###imported-end##

May 05, 2006 at 12:00 AM



“ *Sandy,

Just wanted you to know you and family are in my prayers. I didn't really know Raymond, but I know the two of you were quite a testimony to the power of God's love. Please remember that Auxiliary all over the state of Virginia will faithfully pray for you. Blessings,
Susan*###imported-begin###Susan Teter###imported-end##

May 04, 2006 at 12:00 AM



“ *May your warm memories of the love you shared give you comfort. I am so glad that we were able to visit on our last trip home. Ray was a wonderful person and one we will all miss. Love, Mary, Denise and Danny*###imported-begin###Denise Beachum###imported-end##

May 04, 2006 at 12:00 AM



“ Eunice, I am so glad we were able to visit with you and Ray in March. Ray was such a loving and dear husband to you. Our prayers and thoughts are with you during this time of loss. Love Bobbie and Jimmy##imported-begin##Bobbie Wilkerson##imported-end##

May 04, 2006 at 12:00 AM



“ Dear Mrs. Sandy and family,
Robin and I wish to convey our deepest sympathies to you at this time. Our family has had connection with yours quite often over the years- as neighbors on Miami Road back in the 60s, serving with your son Jim in Pittsburgh, PA, and as a neighbor to my in-laws, Herb and Dot Hathaway in Virginia Beach. Also, a beloved fellow church member Mrs. Jackie Farkas whose husband Frank went home to be with the Lord is now a member at my current church. Our lives intersect at so many points from time to time on earth. But in heaven it will be gloriously continual.
My own father, Edwin M. Russell, went home to be with the Lord last year...
May the Lord uphold you and keep you through this difficult time.
In Christ's love,
Jeff and Robin Russell
John, Jared, and Jinger
1401 Salem Church Road
Elizabeth City, NC 27909##imported-begin##Rev. and Mrs. Jeffery C. Russell##imported-end##

May 04, 2006 at 12:00 AM



“ Mrs Hollowell & family

I am so sorry for your loss. You and your family will be in our thoughts and prayers.##imported-begin##Stacie Ryder Combs##imported-end##

May 03, 2006 at 12:00 AM



“ Dear Sharon, Justin & Marshall, Both Gary and I send our deepest sympathy and prayers to you and the whole family.

Your Dad's gifts of strength & character continue to shine through you.##imported-begin##Gary & Debi Honeycutt##imported-end##

May 02, 2006 at 12:00 AM



“ Our loss is Heaven's gain. Our Lord will assuredly say "well done thy good and faithful servant". Thank you Ray and Sandy for your faithfulness and dedication to our church family, the Gideon's, and the Hampton Roads Regional Jail Ministry.##imported-begin##Bryant & Valerie McKee##imported-end##

May 02, 2006 at 12:00 AM