



Thomas Hamp Robbins

August 5, 2009

Thomas Hamilton "Hamp" Robbins 86 went to be with the Lord Aug. 5, 2009, at Parson's Residential Care Chesapeake. He was born in Lenoir, N.C., Sept. 11, 1922. He was the son of the late Thomas H. and Jennie Wellborn Robbins. He was predeceased by a brother, George W. Robbins and a sister, Gwendolyn Robbins Clark. He was an Army veteran serving during World War II in Europe. He was in the 165th Combat Engineers as a radio operator and served with the 94th Infantry Rainbow Division for a short while. He landed on Normandy D+2 and fought in the Battle of the Bulge. He graduated from Happy Valley High School in Patterson, N.C. He attended NC State, University of Ohio and Capitol Radio Institute in Washington, D.C. He worked as a broadcast engineer for radio stations in North Carolina and Virginia WGH. He worked for the government for 38 years and retired from Norfolk Naval Shipyard at the age of 70 as an electronics mechanic, Shop 67. He was a member of Sweethaven Baptist Church. He was a member of the Nansemond Chapter of the Archaeological Society of Virginia, where he was treasurer for four years. His humor and smiles will be missed by many who knew him. He is survived by his beloved wife and caregiver of 56 years, Virginia; daughter, Mary Gwendolyn Robbins Tharrington, husband Teddy and loving grandson T.J.; one brother, Robert J. Robbins of Lenoir, N.C.; four nieces, four nephews and two cocker spaniel grand pups. A funeral will be held at Loving Funeral Home, Churchland Chapel, Saturday, Aug. 8, at 11 a.m. with Pastor Cary Borkert and Pastor Gary Good. Burial will follow in Meadowbrook Cemetery.

Friends may join the family today from 7 to 8:30 p.m. at the funeral home. A special thanks to Parson's Residential Care Chesapeake, Odyssey Hospice, Dr. Edward Skillen and Dr. Roderic MacKinnon. Donations can be made to Odyssey Hospice or Sweethaven Baptist Church.

Tribute Wall



“ *My Dear Friend, Gwen & Family,
Having been in your position just a few short years ago, I know how hard it can be but the Lord is with you and your family. I feel blessed to have had the opportunity to meet and know your father before his illness. He was a wonderful man who loved your Mom, you and your family dearly. I'm sure he will be missed but you will find comfort in knowing he is no longer in pain. Remember the happy times you had, the laughter and love. Look to the Lord for strength and comfort in the days ahead. My heart, prayers and thoughts are with you all.*

TJ

Don't think about the events in life that your grandfather will miss because he'll be a shining angel looking down on you where ever you go and what ever you do in life. Always remember the times you had together and be happy that he hurts no more.

Love to All,

Lynn Jones

August 07, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ *Virginia, I am so sorry about your loss. Hamp is now with the Savior and is resting peacefully for that we can rejoyce. You have my deepest sympathy.*

Norma

August 07, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ Gwen and Virginia I'm sorry to have heard of Hamp passing. You know I'm only a hop, skip, and a jump away if you need anything. My thoughts are with you and the rest of the family. I sure will miss the great stories he had told at all the holiday dinners we have had in the past. He will be missed. RIP##imported-begin##Crystal Tharrington##imported-end##

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“ Dear Gwen, I am very sorry to hear of your fathers's passing.

I know that the hurt and grief take a very long time to get past and is a day-by-day healing. I found that if you feel you need to cry, sometimes it's best to just let it out rather than hold it in. I think it is just part of the process.

Reading your Dad's obituary tells me that God got another very special angel.

Please know that I will keep you and your family in my prayers and may God give you comfort during this time.

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“Gwen and family, I was so sad to hear about your Father. I know this is a difficult time for you. May God give you peace and comfort that he is in a much better place now. If you ever need to just talk or cry, please don't hesitate to call me for I truly understand what you are going through. Cathy###imported-begin##Cathy Ward###imported-end##

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