



William H. Rhodes Jr.

Portsmouth-William Herbert Rhodes Jr., "Bill", age 84, passed away peacefully on Sept. 18th, 2011, at Bon Secours Nursing Care Center. A native of Portsmouth, VA he was born on March 19th, 1927, son of the late Louise Montague Rhodes and William Herbert Rhodes Sr. Having retired from Norfolk Naval Shipyard he spent his time woodworking, collecting train memorabilia, and enjoying his family. A Navy Veteran of World War II, member of Tidal Wave Masonic Lodge, and Portsmouth First Pentecostal Church, he practiced his devotion to God and country.

A devoted husband, loving father, and beloved grandfather, he is survived by his wife, of 62 years, Jean Key Rhodes, son William Herbert Rhodes III, and wife Lorien, daughter Susan Rhodes Nespoli, and husband, Nick, and grandchildren Sarah Anne Rhodes, William Herbert Rhodes IV, and Lauren Rhodes Nespoli, and fiancé Tyler Porter. Also surviving him are his brother, David Alan Rhodes, and wife Retha, sister-in-law Mary Key Carter, and husband Herbert, and brother-in-law James "Bud" Key, and wife Priscilla along with many nieces and nephews.

His legacy is found not as much in what he said as in how he lived his life; an unwavering faith in the Lord, kindness and respect for all he encountered, and a dedication and pride in his family. His quick wit, contagious smile, and loving touch will surely be missed. The family would like to express our gratitude to

Dr. Richard M. Bikowski, and staff, and the staff at Bon Secours Nursing Care for their kindness and compassion. Truly, there are angels among us.

Visitation will be held on Wednesday, at Loving Funeral Home, Academy Avenue, Portsmouth, from 6-8pm. Funeral services will be on Thursday, at the Loving Funeral Home Chapel, at 2pm, followed by burial at Olive Branch Cemetery. The Reverend Dr. Herbert Carter will preside over services followed by graveside prayer by the Reverend Nelson Fields.

Tribute Wall



“ *Mrs. Rhodes, may you find comfort and peace in your time of sorrow. Keep your hope in the Lord.##imported-begin##Bennie & Margaret Richardson##imported-end##*

September 26, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ *Bud and Pris, we were so sorry to read about the loss of your family member and friend. We are thinking of you during this difficult time. Jean and family, please accept our heartfelt condolences. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.##imported-begin##Ron and Linda Key##imported-end##*

September 23, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ *Susan*
I am very sorry for your loss. As you know, you are never alone and neither is your father. Be comforted in the knowledge that he rests in the arms of our Lord and Savior.

With much Love,
Sandy Nixon##imported-begin##Cassandra Nixon##imported-end##

September 22, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ Dear Family of Mr. Bill Rhodes,
I pray for God to comfort you during this time of sadness. Mr. Bill will always be remembered by me as a funny, loving husband, father, and grandfather. He always had a kind word and big smile. Those in heaven will be so glad to see him join them. May we who are still here on earth continue to serve God and know that we will see Mr. Bill and his smile again.
Peace be with you, love in Christ, Sharron###imported-begin##Sharron Sawyer###imported-end##

September 21, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ Dear Billy, the sweet Rhodes Family,
I'm so sorry to hear about Mr. RhodesBill. I will always cherish the memories of coming down the street to see you and my good Bud--Billy. I hope the Lord can hold you in his arms as you relive his life & cherish the wonderful memories.
Lona Saunders Korman###imported-begin##Lona Saunders Korman###imported-end##

September 21, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ I am so sorry for your loss. Even though we know Bill is safe in the arms of Jesus, we will miss Bill. He was such a nice,friendly person,a gentle soul. At least ,we know he is whole and restored and better than ever! All of you will be in my prayers.
With Sympathy and Love,
Mabel White###imported-begin##Mabel White###imported-end##

September 20, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ *Bill,*

I just heard of your loss. My sincerest condolences and our thoughts and prayers go out to you and your family. God Bless You All,

Michael Loeb##imported-begin##*Michael Loeb*##imported-end##

September 20, 2011 at 12:00 AM