



William Mitchell Sanders

August 1, 2008

William Mitchell Sanders, 79, formerly of the Ocean View section of Norfolk, passed away Aug. 1, 2008. Bill was born in Ohio, but lived in various places throughout his childhood, including the Denbigh section of Newport News. His parents, Eugene and Hazel Sanders and his brothers, Neil and Norm Sanders, predeceased him. His beloved wife of almost 44 years, Martha, predeceased him in June 2004. Bill met his wife Martha in Niagara Falls, N.Y., and soon after marriage moved to Norfolk where he was involved in the building of the Chesapeake Bay Bridge Tunnel. Throughout his life he was a great ambassador for the Bridge Tunnel, often telling stories of its construction and the "two-headed monster." He retired from Tidewater Construction Corp. and was a proud, over 50-year member of the United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners of America-Local 613. He will be greatly missed by his three daughters, Donna S. Corbus and husband Bill of Portsmouth, Rhonda Aftel and husband Jacob of Virginia Beach and Elizabeth Ragsdale and husband Mark of Portsmouth; four grandchildren, Jaimie Messick and husband Patrick, Malcolm MacLeod III, Glen MacLeod and Samantha Corbus; two great-grandchildren, Briley "Little Dynamite" Messick and Spike Messick; two sisters, Helen McCoy and husband Keith of Owego, N.Y., and Marian Liles and husband Howard of Snow Hill, N.C.; two sisters-in-law, Idalee Sanders of Gansevoort, N.Y., and Elsa Sanders of Fort Edward, N.Y.; plus numerous nieces, nephews and cousins. Bill's sense of humor and laughter will be missed. A funeral will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday in Loving Funeral Home

by the Rev. D. Mark Kent, with burial to follow at Forest Lawn Cemetery, Norfolk. The family will receive friends in the funeral home chapel from 7 to 8 p.m. Monday. Contributions may be made to the Alzheimer's Association or the American Cancer Society. Online condolences may be made at www.lovingfuneralhome.com.

Tribute Wall



“ *Bill, Donna, and Samantha:*

I was saddened to hear about your father, father-in-law, grandfather's passing.

Keep your special memories close and know that God is waiting for you to ask for comfort. You have lots of friends that stand ready to be there for you. Don't hesitate to call.

Judi##imported-begin##Judi Luffman##imported-end##

August 10, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family through this rough time.##imported-begin##Kevin & Jessica Burkett##imported-end##*

August 04, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ *Rhonda,*

I am sorry for your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.

Bridget##imported-begin##Bridget Egloso##imported-end##

August 04, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ Donna: Glinda and I are thinking of you and your family. Know that's God's blessings are always there for us, especially when we are going through difficulties like the loss of a loved one. Let us know if there is anything you need.

Joe and Glinda your auditing buddies###imported-begin##Joe Grillo and Glinda Powell###imported-end##

August 04, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ To Bill's family - You have my thoughts and prayers of peace.###imported-begin##Christine Swanson###imported-end##

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“ Rhonda and Jay, Our thoughts and prayers are with you at this most difficult time. We can both empathize with you. Support and take care of each other.###imported-begin##Gail and Tom Bachman###imported-end##

August 04, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ Donna, We are so sorry to hear that your father has passed away. May God give you and your family strength through these hard times. You are in our hearts and prayers.
Albert & Joyce White###imported-begin##Albert & Joyce White###imported-end##

August 04, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ Dear Donna & family-was sorry to hear of the passing of your Daddy. I have very fond memories of your parents when growing up in Ocean View! Take care of each other...Hugs ":^
Christina Norma Abbott's eldest##imported-begin##Christina Gutridge##imported-end##

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