



## Harry William Oakes Sr

May 16, 1929 - March 3, 2015

Harry William Oakes, Sr., 85, of 7977 Spring Garden Road, died, Tuesday, March 3, 2015 at his residence after a decline in health for several months.

Mr. Oakes was born in Pittsylvania County, VA on May 16, 1929 a son of the late Ernest Norman Oakes and Nellie Snead Oakes.

Mr. Oakes served in the US Air Force and was a retired farmer from the Spring Garden Community. He was a member of Chestnut Level Baptist Church, Carter Lodge # 323 A.F. & A.M., and an honorary member of the Pittsylvania County Hunt Club.

He was first married to Peggy Stultz Oakes, and then he married, Frances Bray Oakes.

Survivors include three daughters, Doris O. Holley, of Blairs; Wanda O. Shields; Dixie Doss, and husband, Rick, all of Danville; three sons, Harry W. Oakes, Jr., and wife, Susan, of Chatham; Melvin S. Oakes, and wife, Christi, of Danville; Alvin N. Oakes, and friend, Sheila, of Blairs, two sisters, Hilda O. Lewis, and husband, Robert; Shirley O. Stump, and husband, Tom; a sister-in-law, Melba Oakes; eleven grandchildren, fifteen great-grandchildren; and his devoted companion, Hurley.

In addition to his two wives he was predeceased by two sisters, Marie O. Murphy and Amy Oakes Martin; and two brothers, Ernest Norman Oakes, and Vernon Snead Oakes.

Funeral services will be held on Friday, March 6, 2015 at 2:00 PM from the Wrenn-Yeatts North Main Chapel. A private burial will be held in the Oakes Family Cemetery.

The family will receive friends one hour prior to the service on Friday and at other times at the residence.

The family suggests that in lieu of flowers that you do a random act of kindness to a stranger.

Wrenn-Yeatts North Main Chapel is serving the Oakes family.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR 6. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Wrenn-Yeatts North Main Chapel

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# Tribute Wall

JC

“ *To the Family: Please know that all of you are in our prayers and thoughts during this sad occasion of the passing of Harry. He will always be in our memories as a hard worker, a very caring person who loved his family deeply and you knew he meant it. A person who would rather give and to receive, and willing to help out another human being. Wonderful traits and a wonderful man. God bless each of you*

*Jimmy and Diane Cox  
Spring Garden*

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**Jimmy and Diane Cox** - March 10, 2015 at 10:01 AM

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“ *Harry Oakes and family,*

*Harry, so sorry to hear of the passing of your Dad. Recently saw the obituary and just wanted to reach out and let you know I've been thinking about you and your family during this loss. May God somehow bring your family peace during this difficult time. I enjoyed getting to know you while working together at Times Fiber. I am sure your Dad played a great part in creating your tremendous work ethic and personality, he did a good job! Take care and peace be with your family.*

*Wayne Brinkley*

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**Wayne Brinkley** - March 09, 2015 at 08:33 AM

 Tammy  
Betterton

“ *Our deepest condolences for your entire family. We will be praying for your comfort in the days to come. It seems reality tends to set in more then but know you are surrounded by many who love you. Reach out when you feel the need to talk to someone, when you feel you need to cry and talk about your sweet dad and when you feel you need to share a story about a precious memory. Love and sympathy to you all.*

*\*\*\* Larry had ask me to make sure I sent flowers but after seeing your requests to do something kind for a stranger that is what we did. We will be donating money to the Danville Cancer Association in memory of Mr. Harry Oakes, Sr. 😊*



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**Tammy Betterton** - March 05, 2015 at 06:15 PM

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“ *My condolences to Harry's family. Harry worked faithfully for my Grandfather, Nat Terry, for many years. My thoughts and prayers are with you all during this difficult time. With deepest sympathy, Page Melvin Carrington*



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**Page Melvin Carrington** - March 05, 2015 at 01:24 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Harry William Oakes Sr.*



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March 05, 2015 at 08:46 AM