



## John Richardson

March 7, 1920 - May 14, 2012

John Jennings Richardson, 92, of 820 Richardson Lane, Keeling, VA died on Monday, May 14, 2012 at Danville Regional Medical Center. Mr. Richardson was born on March 7, 1920 in Pittsylvania County a son of the late George Thomas Richardson and the late Ella Williams Richardson. He spent most of his life in the northern Virginia and Keeling communities, where he worked for the Federal Power Commission in Washington D.C. until his retirement after 33 years of service. He was a member of the Kent Masonic Lodge #305 for over fifty years; he was also a member of the Danville Scottish Rite Bodies, Ringgold Vol. Fire Department Board of Directors and later was a member of the Keeling Vol. Fire Department. He was a chairman of the Pittsylvania County Republican Committee, President of the Washington Chapter of Virginia Tech Alumni Association and was appointed to the Virginia Bright Flu Cured Tobacco Board. He also served his country in the United States Army and was of the Methodist faith. Mr. Richardson was married to Virginia Tice Dillard Richardson, who survives. In addition to his wife Mr. Richardson is survived by three children, John J. Richardson, II of Richmond, VA, Kaye Richardson Fusaro of Columbia, SC and Mary Sue Richardson-Piccinino of Virginia Beach, VA. He was predeceased by one daughter, Dana Carol Richardson. Other survivors include, two step daughters, Margaret Jane Dillard Newkirk of Clifton Forge, VA and Sarah Ann Witt of Midlothian, VA; three granddaughters, Dana Black, Tammy Smith and Kim Richardson; seven step grandchildren, two great grandchildren and nine step great

grandchildren. Funeral service will be conducted on Saturday, May 19, 2012 at 1:00 p.m. at the Wrenn-Yeatts North Main Chapel. Interment will follow the service in Highland Burial Park with Masonic Rites conducted by the Kent Lodge #305 A.F. & A.M. The family will receive friends two hours prior to the service from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the funeral home. In lieu of flowers the family suggests that memorial donations be made to the Keeling Vol. Fire Department at P.O. Box 12 Keeling, VA 24566 or to the Virginia Tech Athletic Fund at P.O. Box 10307 Blacksburg, VA 24062. Wrenn-Yeatts North Main Chapel is respectfully serving the Richardson family.

# Tribute Wall

LH

“ Kay, I was so sorry to hear of your father's passing. Please know that my thoughts and prayers are with you.

Larry Huffstetler - May 21, 2012 at 12:00 AM

TA

“ Pop Pop, I just want you to know that while on the farm this past week there was an almost constant, yet ever so gentle breeze and I felt your presence. The sunsets were Hokie orange and maroon and I knew you were there with me - with us, and you will always be with us. The life lessons you've taught us, as well as showing us that it's the little things that matter most, will carry us through as we remember you. Dana mentioned the fishing, the wood splitting, the tractor rides, the HOT DOG! And the way only you could make eating an art form -you took equal portions of each item on your plate steadying them on your fork with your biscuit and in doing so, had the perfect bite EVERY time. That shows great care, attention to detail and a patience that few people today possess. You wrote us countless letters telling us how proud you were of us and how much you loved us. And we love you, so very much! Continue to watch over us until we can be together again. I MISS YOU.

Tammy - May 21, 2012 at 12:00 AM

AM

“ So sorry to hear of your father's passing, Kaye. Thoughts and prayers to you and your family. Everyone here at the AG's Office is thinking about you.

Ashley McMahan - May 18, 2012 at 12:00 AM

DB

“ Pop Pop - I left Sunday knowing the end was near - but it is still hard to imagine this world without your gentle smile, the twinkle in your eye and hearing "HOT DOG!!" whenever things are going right. Some people in this world never know the love of a grandparent. However, I count myself blessed so many times over to have had you in my life as a constant source of strength and comfort for 42 years. I will forever cherish the love and support you've given me throughout my life. Carving pumpkins on my birthday, catching fireflies in mason jars, fishing in the pond, spending time at the farm and countless football games. Your chore list was your gentle way of spending time with us and I even cherished that! Splitting wood, riding the tractor through the garden - planting those pecan trees - going to Paul's for a soda and lottery tickets - Kentucky Derby bets and the many, many other good times we've shared. I know you are at peace now, watching over us all and I just hope you know how thankful I am that I was your granddaughter, much I love you and how much I will miss you already.

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**Dana Black** - May 16, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JM

“ I will miss you dearly Pop Pop. Thank you for teaching me to fish, work in the garden and enjoy Hokie football. I will hold onto my precious memories of the farm, summers at the beach, you dancing with Granny, Christmas' with good food and you leading the family in prayer. I pray you are at a place of peace. Love always, your granddaughter Jamie.

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**Jamie Murphy** - May 16, 2012 at 12:00 AM

CD

“ *Mary Sue and Family,*

*Thinking of all of you!! You are definitely in my thoughts! Take care!!*  
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**Cec Drucker** - May 15, 2012 at 12:00 AM