



## Loose Wells

September 9, 1928 - September 5, 2011

Richard Alan "Loose" Wells

Mr. Richard Alan "Loose" Wells, age 82 of 458 Granville Drive, died Monday morning, September 5, 2011 at his residence after a decline in health for the past three years.

Mr. Wells was born on September 9, 1928 in Danville, a son of the late Jabe P. Wells, Sr. and the late Claudine Jarrett Wells. He had lived in Danville his entire life where he owned and operated Wells Siding and Trim Company for many years until his retirement. He was of member of First Baptist Church. He served in the U.S. Air Force during the Korean War. He was a member of American Legion, Dan River Post 1097 and American Legion Post #325. He attended V.P.I for two years. He was a catcher for the Danville Leafs of the Carolina League in 1950, when he caught for 109 games. He was a Professional Baseball Clown from 1953 to 1955. His contortion act as a clown is what earned him the nickname "Loose". He was a coach and Director of the Danville Youth Baseball for many years. He announced the G.W. Eagles Football Games for WBTV for many years. He was also known as the Number One (#1) Fan of the George Washington High School Football Team and a member of the Fan Club. He was a member of the Register and Bee Sports "Hall of Fame". On September 22, 1951, he was married to Opal White Wells, who survives.

In addition to his wife of the residence, he is survived by four children, Richard A. Wells, Jr. and wife, Teresa of Danville, Nina W. Bailey and husband, John of Danville, Nathan J. Wells and wife, Sandra of Leland, N.C., P.C. Wells and wife, Julie of Martinsville, one brother, Rev. Lynwood D. Wells and wife, Anna of Martinsville, nine grandchildren and five great grandchildren. He was predeceased by a brother, J.P. Wells, Jr.

A memorial service will be held at 8:00 pm., Thursday evening, September 8, 2011 from Third Avenue Congregational Christian Church with the Reverend Frederick J. Vicks and the Reverend Lynwood D. Wells officiating. Military Rites will be conducted by the U.S. Army.

The family will receive friends on Thursday, September 8, 2011, one hour prior to the service from 7:00 to 8:00 pm at the church and at other times will be at the residence, 458 Granville Drive.

The family request that memorials may be made to the George Washington High School Football Fan Club or to the Alger Pugh Scholarship Fund.

Wrenn-Yeatts Westover Chapel is respectfully serving the Wells family.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

SEP 8. 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Wrenn-Yeatts Westover Chapel  
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## Memorial Service

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# Tribute Wall

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“ I did not know loose long but he was always smiling ,laughing, and joking,he loved all sports he was truly a special individual and he will be greatly missed.

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**Eddie Cochran** - September 09, 2011 at 12:00 AM

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“ There was no greater fan or supporter of GW-Danville football and sports than Loose Wells. The Danville community has lost one of its favorite sons. There will be a tremendous void to fill on the sideline this weekend at JT Christopher Stadium wihtout Loose roaming the field. May God Bless his family and friends.

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**Mark Bennett** - September 08, 2011 at 12:00 AM

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“ My condolences to the family. I know he will be missed. Hopefully the wonderful memories will help at this difficult time.

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**Janice Gill** - September 07, 2011 at 12:00 AM