



Nelson Saunders Holley

May 17, 1925 - July 1, 2014

Nelson Saunders Holley, 89, formally of Major Court, Danville, VA, went home to be with his Lord and Savior on Tuesday, July 1, 2014 at Danville Regional Medical Center after being in declining health for several months.

Mr. Holley was born in Chatham, VA on May 17, 1925 a son of the late William Caleb Holley and the late Sally Kate Holley. Nelson was a proud U.S. Marine World War II veteran. He saw combat on the islands of Saipan, Tinian, Okinawa and was with the occupied forces in Japan. He served his country with pride and valor.

On April 4, 1947 he married his sweetheart, Patsy Powell Holley who died on October, 24, 2006.

He retired from the City of Danville, Engineering Department and was a member of Emmanuel P.H. Church in Dry Fork, VA.

Mr. Holley is survived by two daughters, Cheryl Holland and husband Bobby of Danville, VA, and Janet Holley Brown and husband Thomas of Ringgold, VA; a son, William "Buddy" Holley and Jeanie of Danville, VA; ; a brother Jesse Holley (Margaret); a sister, Betty Dabbs; five grandchildren, Jackie Quesenberry (Tom), Kerri Wilson (Todd), Justin Brown (Randi), Doug Holley (Penny) and Paul Holley (Meagan); nine great grandchildren; and his best friend Roger Smith.

In addition to his wife and parents he was predeceased by one granddaughter, Kim Harris (J.C.); and seven brothers and six sisters.

A Graveside service will be conducted on Thursday, July 3, 2014 at 10:30 a.m. at Highland Burial Park with the Reverend Cecil Coates and the Reverend Joe Beck officiating. Interment will follow in the cemetery with military honors conducted by the United States Marine Corps Honor Guard and the American Legion Dan River Post 1097.

The family will receive friends on Wednesday night from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at the Wrenn-Yeatts North Main Chapel and at other times they will be at the residence of his son, Buddy and Jeanie Holley, 6056 Kenridge Circle, Danville, VA 24540.

The family would like to express a special thank you to Riverside Health and Rehab Staff of the North Wing, the staff at Danville Regional Medical Center E.R. and I.C.U. for the love and compassion given to Mr. Holley during his decline in health.

The family suggest that memorial donations be made to Emanuel P. H. Church Men's Fellowship at 3576 Dry Fork Road, Dry Fork, VA 24549.

Wrenn-Yeatts North Main Chapel is respectfully serving the Holley family.

Cemetery Details

Highland Burial Park

3049 North Main Street
Danville, VA

Previous Events

Graveside

JUL 3. 10:30 AM (ET)

Highland Burial Park
3049 North Main Street
Danville, VA

Tribute Wall

RB

“ Janet and family,
I am sorry for your loss, but you know better than anyone that your father's salvation and eternity are secure. I had the pleasure of working with you father at the engineering department and thoroughly enjoyed his company. His daily demeanor displayed the quiet confidence of a true believer in Christ and his faith shown through every facet of his life. His humility before God and man was a trait of so many men of his generation who served our country and I was blessed by knowing him. Matthew 25:23.

Richard Bailey - July 05, 2014 at 07:36 AM

CF

“ Janet, I am so sorry for all of you in the loss of your father. My prayers are with you and your family.
Catherine Ferrell

Catherine Ferrell - July 03, 2014 at 09:29 AM

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“ Charlotte Holland lit a candle in memory of
Nelson Saunders Holley



Charlotte Holland - July 02, 2014 at 10:43 AM

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“ To Buddy, Cheryl, and Janet A man that loved his family and his Lord. Danny and I are sadden to hear of the death of Uncle Nelson. He was a gentle giant. When we spoke with him in the nursing home, Uncle Nelson told us he was tired and want to go home. He missed Aunt Patsy and want to be with her. The Lord heard his prayer and now they are strolling all over heaven together. My prayer that the Lord will hold each of you in his arms and give you strength during this sad time. Danny and I love you all God Bless.

nadine carpenter - July 01, 2014 at 08:04 PM

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“ Nadine Carpenter lit a candle in memory of Nelson Saunders Holley



nadine carpenter - July 01, 2014 at 07:54 PM