



Robert O. Byrd Jr.

August 10, 1936 - November 9, 2014

Robert O. Byrd, Jr., 78 years old, being held by the hands and hearts of his family was released to the hands of Jesus Christ, Sunday, Nov. 9th, 2014.

Born in Danville, VA on August 10, 1936, he was the son of the late Robert O. Byrd, Sr., and Lula Merricks Byrd. He was predeceased by two sisters, Louise B. High, Christine B. Willis.

On August 25, 1956 he married Julia Nuckols Byrd, who survives of the residence. Their 58 year union was blessed by five strong children. Through the ups and downs of life, Mr. Byrd was ever devoted to his wife and family; willing to help in times of crises; willing to laugh in times of joy; willing to council in times of confusion; and willing to offer thankful prayers no matter the circumstances.

Survivors include a son, R. Wayne Byrd, of Ringgold; four daughters, Vickie D. Booth, and husband, Larry, of Jonesboro, GA; Phyllis B. Brown, of Danville; Lisa B. Barker, of Charlotte, NC; Lori B. Grubbs, and husband, Christopher, of Richmond, VA; a sister, Mae Abram, of Erie, PA; ten grandchildren, and one great-grandchild.

Mr. Byrd worked as a Heavy Equipment Supervisor for APAC Virginia. He was a member of Third Avenue Congregational Christian Church and was active in the "young-at-hearts" fellowship group in the church. He was an avid fisherman, always willing to accompany others on trips to the water. His companionship and sage advice, offered with a willing smile over the top of a bent fishing pole will be sorely missed.

Mr. Byrd also loved working with computers and helping other seniors to master the machines. He kept in touch via email and loved doing research on many topics, foremost of which was the history of families. Mr. Byrd worked with the Virginia-North Carolina Genealogical Society where he spent many hours helping family, friends, and community members in tracing their heritage. He also served as Treasurer for the Society.

Mr. Byrd was a story-teller in the grand tradition of the south. He could spin a yarn, swap stories, and recite historical events. He could not be topped, always having more to add with a wink and a smile.

Funeral services will be held on Thursday, November 13th at 11:00 AM at the Third Avenue Congregational Christian Church. Services will be conducted by the Rev. Frederick J. Vicks. Interment at the Danville Memorial Gardens will be private.

The family will receive friends on Wednesday, November 12th from 7:00-8:30 PM at the Wrenn-Yeatts North Main Chapel.

Previous Events

Funeral Service

NOV 13. 11:00 AM (ET)

Third Avenue Congregational Christian Church
215 Third Ave
Danville, VA

Tribute Wall

J.

“ *J.r lit a candle in memory of Robert O. Byrd Jr.*



j.r - November 21, 2014 at 07:50 AM

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LN

“ *Julia, I was so sorry to hear of your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with you and the family during this difficult time.*

LILA NEAL - November 14, 2014 at 08:24 AM

AB

“ *We will always remember our neighbor, Mr. Byrd, as he enjoyed fishing in our pond from time to time. He really seemed to enjoy it, and always gave us a wave and a smile. We are so sorry for your loss. Sending thoughts and prayers to the family. With deepest sympathy, Tina Luketic & Angela Boyte*

Angela Boyte - November 13, 2014 at 07:13 PM

DC

“ *Sending thoughts and prayers to comfort you. So sorry for your loss. God Bless. Dana & Debbie Cook and Bettie Bunker*

Debbie Cook - November 12, 2014 at 03:00 PM

JV

“ *Thoughts and prayers to the Byrd family. Johnny & Elise DuVal*

John Du Val - November 11, 2014 at 12:04 PM



“ *Days of Sunshine Bouquet was purchased for the family of Robert O. Byrd Jr..*



November 11, 2014 at 11:22 AM



“ *Secret Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Robert O. Byrd Jr..*



November 11, 2014 at 11:21 AM

DD

“ *Debbie and Donita purchased the Thoughts & Prayers for the family of Robert O. Byrd Jr..*



Debbie and Donita - November 11, 2014 at 10:13 AM

DC

“ *I am so sorry for your family's loss. May God give you the strength and patience to deal with it. I'm glad you had precious time and moments together before his passing. My thoughts and prayers are with you.*



Debbie Corns - November 11, 2014 at 09:38 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Robert O. Byrd Jr..*



November 11, 2014 at 09:30 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Robert O. Byrd Jr..*



November 11, 2014 at 09:14 AM



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November 11, 2014 at 08:26 AM

LB

“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you....Lucy and Douglas Barringer*

Lucy Barringer - November 11, 2014 at 08:22 AM

SC

“ *Susan Crittenden lit a candle in memory of Robert O. Byrd Jr.*



Susan Crittenden - November 10, 2014 at 09:56 PM