Joseph Meador

February 7, 1913 – December 31, 2003

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Joseph J. Meador, 90, died Dec. 31, 2003, at Virginia Beach General Hospital.

A native of West Virginia, he was born Feb. 7, 1913, in Gauley Bridge, grew up in Hinton, W. Va., and lived in Charleston, W. Va., for 58 years.

He was a 1932 graduate of Hinton High School, then graduated from Capital City Commercial College. Joseph worked as an office manager and accountant for RIC Inc., Londeree Music Company, and JD Moore. In his community, he was a charter member of Elk Hills Presbyterian Church.

In 1988, he retired to Virginia Beach with his beloved wife of 66 years, Jeanetta. They became members of Bayside Presbyterian Church, Virginia Beach. Joe was a published poet, hymn writer, and also an avid fisherman, hunter, and gardener.

He is survived by a son, Dr. Joseph W. Meador, his wife Mary and their four children, Abbie, Cara, Matt, and Anna of Arlington, Mass.; a daughter, Janice M. Johnson and her daughter, Gillian of Virginia Beach; a daughter, Paula M. Sheard, her husband Mark and son, Alex, also of Virginia Beach.

Joseph J. was predeceased by both his wife and son, Rudye M. Meador.

Visitation will be held today from 6 to 8 p.m. at Altmeyer Funeral Home, Virginia Beach. The funeral will be held in the funeral home Saturday at 2 p.m. with burial to follow in Colonial Grove Memorial Park.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Meador Family Memorial at Bayside Presbyterian Church, 1400 Ewell Road, Virginia Beach, VA 23455.