

Edward Thurston Bailey

December 20, 1921 – May 8, 2013

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Edward Thurston Bailey, 91, went home to the lord on May 8, 2013.

A native of Hinton, W. Va., Dad retired as a Chief Engineman from the U.S. Navy after 32 years of service. He was a World War II veteran proud to protect his country while being a devoted husband, father and friend. He was a member of Aldersgate United Methodist Church. He took great pride in caring for his family and was a hopeless romantic that enjoyed writing poems of his life experiences and love of family. A gifted woodworker who also loved to dance and sing. He sang songs from "the greatest generation" most especially with his daughter Jeanne, up until the day he left us. When daughters Mary and Nancy tried to sing with him, he would smile and ask, when is Jeanne coming?

Dad will be remembered for his strength of character and commitment to family and friends. He was funny and uncomplicated and you had to pay attention or would miss his famous one-liners! Dad lived 4 ½ years after Mom because he was surrounded by love. His legacy will live on through his friends and beautiful family.

Ed is survived by three daughters: Mary Jane Parsons, Nancy Lee Bailey of Chesapeake, Nina Jean Jenkins and her husband Butch of Williamsburg; six grandchildren, Indreia Lucenti and husband Paul, Heather Quinn and husband Mike, William Jenkins II and wife Julie, Sara Beth Parsons, Seth Jenkins, and Scott Parsons; six great-grandchildren, Gabriella Quinn and husband John, Russell Owens, Mike Quinn, Jesse Quinn, Gabriel Lambert, Charlotte Ilaria Jenkins; Great, Great Granddaughter, Stella Rae Hellman; sister Nina Mae Owens and her family of North Carolina. He leaves behind his brothers and sister in-law Joseph and Thomas Scott and Jenny Cooper of New Jersey and many wonderful nieces and nephews; special member of the family; Sandra Hardison, and loving friends, Jerry and Frances Boone and their children and Kim and Ronnie Dash of Chesapeake. All friends and family are welcome to celebrate the memory of Ed's life at the home of Nina Jean and Butch Jenkins on Sat., May 18 beginning at 11 a.m., 106 Southeast Trace, Williamsburg, VA.