



Joseph Talmage Mason

January 22, 1925 - August 25, 2017

Joseph Talmage "Joe" Mason, a proud WWII Navy Veteran and owner of the Altavista and Bedford News Stands, 92, of 1408 Broad Street, Altavista died Friday, August 25, 2017 at Lynchburg General Hospital. He was the husband of the late Joyce Carter Mason for over sixty-four years.

He was born January 22, 1925 in Wake County, NC, a son of the late Nerious Royal Mason and Lillie Royal William Mason. He was a member of Altavista Presbyterian Church.

He is survived by a daughter, Brenda Mason Huggins and her husband George of Smith Mountain Lake; a son, David Talmadge Mason and his wife Patricia of Marietta, GA; four grandchildren, Wendi Boggess, Julie Moore and her husband Mike, Shelley Ferrell and her husband Chris and Michael Mason and his wife Olga; a step granddaughter, Sharon Smith and her husband Jim; six great grandchildren, Justin Boggess, Meredith Boggess, Katie Ferrell, Carson Moore, Joseph "Joey" Mason and Madailein Ferrell; and three step great grandchildren, Mason Litton, Jane Brooks Litton and George Litton.

He was preceded in death by four sisters, Edna Jefferys, Mildred Gray, Ellen Beaver and Doris Carter; four brothers, Lerlon, Derwood, Jessie and Edward Mason.

A funeral service will be conducted at 11:00 a.m., Monday, August 28, 2017 at Finch and Finch Chapel, Altavista by the Rev. Eduardo Soto, Jr. with interment to follow in Green Hill Cemetery with masonic rites by Campbell Lodge 316 A.F. and A.M. and military honors by American Legion Altavista Memorial Post 36 and Gretna Post 232.

The family will receive friends one hour prior to the service and other times at the residence.

The family suggests that those wishing to make memorials consider Shriner's Hospital for Children, 2900 Rocky Point Dr., Tampa FL, 33607.

Cemetery Details

Green Hill Cemetery

300 Westwood Drive
Altavista, VA 24517

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 28. 10:00 AM - 10:45 AM (ET)

Finch and Finch, Altavista
809 Main St.
Altavista, VA 24517

Funeral Service

AUG 28. 11:00 AM (ET)

Finch and Finch Chapel
809 Main St.
Altavista, VA 24517

Tribute Wall



“ *Finch & Finch, Inc. Funeral & Cremation Service created a Tribute Video in memory of Joseph Talmage Mason*



Finch & Finch, Inc. Funeral & Cremation Service - August 27, 2017 at 02:42 PM

BD

“ *Brenda and David, I have so many memories of your parents from my days of growing up in Altavista Presbyterian Church. They were such wonderful people. I know that my parents, Jack and Naomi, were also very fond of them. I send you both my very sincerest condolences and the Peace of Lord Jesus....Barbara Boggs Dalton*

Barbara Boggs Dalton - August 30, 2017 at 02:10 PM

SO

“ *As a child coming to Altavista from Hurt, I loved to go into the News Stand. I remember Mr. Mason working there and his being very nice to me. Sorry to hear of his passing. Shirley Orrell*

Shirley Orrell - August 30, 2017 at 10:32 AM

JF

“ JOYCE D FISHER lit a candle in memory of Joseph Talmage Mason



JOYCE D FISHER - August 29, 2017 at 01:32 PM

DR

“ David & Family,

Your parents were two of my favorite people in AltaVista. My first job was at AltaVista News Stand. Your father taught me a very valuable lesson. My first day at work, 16 years old and scared to death, your Dad called me upstairs to his office and said to me, "Donna, when you work for a man, for God's sake work for him; be loyal to him and his business. When you no longer enjoy your job or respect your employer, find another job." Your parents were loved by many and loved their family with their whole heart! Your Dad always stopped to speak to me whether I was living in AltaVista or just visiting. He never forgot me; and I will never forget them! My condolences to you and your family. Fondly, Donna Reynolds

Donna M. Reynolds - August 28, 2017 at 12:29 AM

DR

“ Donna M. Reynolds lit a candle in memory of Joseph Talmage Mason



Donna M. Reynolds - August 28, 2017 at 12:23 AM

LW

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Les and Mary Woodie - August 27, 2017 at 08:20 PM

KH

“ *Brenda and George.*

I'm so sorry for your loss. My prayer is that God will give you both and all the family His comfort and peace. God's mercies are new every morning. He is ever faithful. <3

Karen & Paul

Karen Hicks - August 27, 2017 at 07:50 PM



“ 72 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Finch & Finch, Inc. Funeral & Cremation Service - August 27, 2017 at 06:46 PM

CW

The Altavista News Stand was a landmark for so many years, Joe and Joyce were both well respected members of the community. I and my children both enjoyed slipping into the News Stand at various times. May you be comforted by precious memories. Carol Brown Willis

Carol B Willis - August 28, 2017 at 11:18 AM

GM

“ We have so many memories of Joe and (Joyce}. he was a great friend and teacher. Enjoyed working for Joe at the New Stand for many years.. He and (Joyce} will be missed. Gail and Billy Morris



Gail Morris - August 27, 2017 at 04:57 PM



“ 31 files added to the album Life Tributes



Finch & Finch, Inc. Funeral & Cremation Service - August 27, 2017 at 12:43 PM

AL

“ We have so many special memories of Joe (and Joyce) in Altavista and at the lake. We grieve for your whole family. So sorry we can't make the service. Will see you soon. Andrea and Ralph Lewis

Andrea and Ralph Lewis - August 27, 2017 at 12:07 PM

BC

“ *Butch & Glenna W. Carr lit a candle in memory of Joseph Talmage Mason*



Butch & Glenna W. Carr - August 27, 2017 at 11:05 AM

RJ

“ *Brenda & David, I am saddened and my thoughts and prayers are with you. Your dad was a truly wonderful person and an inspiration to me. He taught me many life lessons that have stayed with me to this day. I can honestly say I am a better person because of him. i am so very sorry for your loss, yet i know his legacy will live on.*

Richard Johnson - August 27, 2017 at 09:55 AM

CD

“ *A very kind person. Prayers for the family.*

CarltonandLinda Dalton - August 27, 2017 at 09:05 AM

RC

“ *Ray And Kay Caldwell lit a candle in memory of Joseph Talmage Mason*



Ray and Kay Caldwell - August 27, 2017 at 07:38 AM

SF

“ One of the nicest men I have ever known always had a kind word for everyone .
Prayers for family and friends. Rest In Peace



Shirley Forloines - August 27, 2017 at 05:16 AM

RG

“ David and family. I remember the days your dad was in the newsstand in ALTAVISTA and always had a smile on his face. I am sure he is with the love of his life, your mother and they are made whole and are walking The streets of Gold. Know one day You Will See Them again. You And Your Family Are In Our Thoughts And Prayers. God Be With You During This Time.

Ray Guill - August 27, 2017 at 02:36 AM

EC

“ Ellyn Cox lit a candle in memory of Joseph Talmage Mason



Ellyn Cox - August 26, 2017 at 09:04 PM

GH

“ I've enjoyed knowing Joe Mason. He was always so sweet and pleasant to us when we visited George and Brenda. Brenda was always such a great daughter to him. I am thinking and praying for you all. Love Glenda Huggins.

Glenda Huggins - August 26, 2017 at 07:12 PM

GG

“ *A truly southern gentlemen. He was a fine person. Will be missed by all. You have my deepest sympathy.* ”



Gwen Goggin - August 26, 2017 at 04:33 PM