



Roy Shirlen

May 13, 1922 - August 8, 2010

Mr. Airplane Roy Lafayette Shirlen, 88, of 216 West Road., Altavista, better known as Mr. Airplane died Sunday, August 8, 2010 at his home. He was the beloved husband of Aileen Bell Shirlen for sixty-five years. He was born May 13, 1922 in Durham, NC, the son of the late Rev. John Marvin Shirlen and Orlie Haney Shirlen. He was a charter member of Christian Memorial Pentecostal Holiness Church where he was active on the building committee, Sunday School teacher, and was instrumental in construction of the church and had the road leading into the church named after him. Roy was a retired teacher with the Campbell County Vo-Tech School teaching drafting and mechanical drawing and taught Aeronautical Maintenance with Piedmont Aviation. He was a veteran in the U.S. Navy serving during WWII, attended East Carolina University, was a member of the Experimental Aircraft Association (E.A.A.), and loved being a teacher and educator. In addition to his wife, he is survived by two sons, Dennis L. Shirlen and his wife Celeste of Altavista and Daniel R. Shirlen and his wife Darlene of Houston, TX; two grandchildren, Chelsie S. Dudley and her husband Jeff and Lee Shirlen and his wife Brandi Catron Shirlen; four great-grandchildren, Caila Jensen and Jaden Cole Dudley, Trinity Starr and Jurrien Kale Shirlen, and a new great-grandson due in October by the expecting parents, Lee and Brandi Shirlen; a special canine friend, Tommy. He was preceded in death by one brother, James Garfield Shirlen; and one sister, Myrtle Shirlen Jarrett. A funeral service will be conducted at 11:00 a.m., Wednesday, August 11, 2010 at

Christian Memorial Pentecostal Holiness Church by the Rev. Dennis Nichols with a private family interment to follow at Altavista Memorial Park. The family will receive friends from 7-8:30 p.m., Tuesday at Finch & Finch Funeral and Cremation Service, Altavista. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests those wishing to make memorials consider Christian Memorial Pentecostal Holiness Church, P.O. Box 218, Lynch Station, VA 24571.

Previous Events

Services

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