



William (W. T.) Lanier

April 4, 1928 - February 18, 2012

William Thomas Lanier, 83, of Richmond passed away Saturday, February 18, 2012 at Johnston-Willis Medical Center of Richmond after a lengthy illness. He was born April 4, 1928 in Pittsylvania County, son of the late Norman Wade Lanier and Patti Crews Lanier. ?W.T.? was a devoted husband to Doris Hudson Lanier for almost 65 years. They took care of each other in a way that was an inspiration to all that knew them. He is survived by one son, William Lynn Lanier and his wife, Carol, of Memphis, TN; two daughters, Deborah Lanier Kade and her husband, Dennis, of Virginia Beach and Patti Marie Lanier and her husband, Mario Paul, of Williamsburg; one sister, Edith Lanier Turner and her husband, Bill Turner, of Virginia Beach; four grandchildren, Rachel Lanier Johnson, Hillary Jane Lanier, Elizabeth Lanier Kade, and Lauren Lanier Kade; and a great-grandchild, Lanier Johnson. He also has a devoted cousin, Stella Bell, of Richmond who loved him very much. He was preceded in death by two brothers, Oliver Wade Lanier and Paul Zelotese Lanier. ?W.T.? grew up on a tobacco farm in Grit. He moved his family to Richmond becoming a supervisor at Liggett & Myers. He later worked at Philip Morris and was known there as ?William?. He retired from Philip Morris after 17 years. He and his wife Doris spent their retirement years caring for his father, Norman Lanier, cruising with his family, and making friends everywhere he went. He loved the family farm at Grit, where he had a large garden, loved to bush-hog, and feed worms to his bluebirds. He was proud of his three children and supported them throughout their lives. He was dedicated to his

grandchildren and spent time with them at their birthday parties, plays, graduations, and celebrations. He loved to have the grandchildren visit the farm. His great-grandchild, Lanier, bears the family name and he was looking forward to taking him on a ride on the tractor. He was a very special grandfather. A funeral service will be conducted at 11:00 a.m., Wednesday, February 22, 2012 at New Bethel United Methodist Church in Hurt by the Rev. Mary Jones and Rev. Latta Terry with interment to follow in the Church Cemetery. Visitation will be from 7-8:30 p.m., Tuesday at Finch & Finch Funeral and Cremation Service in Altavista. Friends are also invited to visit the family at the farm, 793 Level Run Road, Hurt.

Previous Events

Services

FEB **22**. 11:00 AM.

New Bethel United Methodist Church, Hurt