



William Wesley Woodall

October 18, 1925 - February 22, 2023

On February 22, 2023, loving father, grandfather, and great grandfather, William "Bill" Woodall passed away in his home at age 97.

Bill was born October 18, 1925 in Gladys, VA to Francis Calvin and Hattie (Morris) Woodall. Bill was preceded in death by his loving wife of over 50 years, Irene (Burton) Woodall, and his daughter and son-in-law, Joan Woodall Reaves and William "Dudley" Reaves, Jr.. Bill is survived by his daughters, Shirley Roark and Jay Woodall, grandchildren, David Roark, Jennie Reaves, Wesley Reaves, and Sharon Roark, and great grandchildren, Destiny Roark, Cassie Edwards, Caleb Edwards, and Caleigh Jo Edwards.

He was a World War II Navy veteran having served on a crash boat in Panama during the war. "Guns" was fond of sharing wild stories of his time in the Navy and was proud of his service to our country. Bill was an experienced truck driver and master craftsman. His stories of driving across the United States and Canada were peppered with amusing anecdotes and great recommendations for diners he'd visited. As a young man, Bill built his own hotrod and raced his Pepto-pink Pontiac every chance he could get. His love of racing extended to his late in life Nascar watching habits.

As a master craftsman, Bill created many pieces of furniture. He is well known for his high quality porch swings and was known as "The Swing Man" every

time he went to purchase more wood screws for his latest projects. Bill built his own cabin where he could have parties with his friends, play cards in peace, and enjoy watching the deer near the creek. At age 90, Mr. Bill, as he was known to family and friends, built his own greenhouse. While Bill was proud of every project he had completed, he was most proud of the over 10,000 wooden toys he voluntarily crafted for children at the hospital.

Bill was the last remaining founding member of the Gladys Volunteer Fire Department. Serving his community was important to him and he continued his service as a member of the Long Island Ruritan Club. Bill was a longtime member of Ebenezer Baptist Church.

Bill was a cruciverbalist and never met a crossword puzzle he didn't like. In addition to solving crossword puzzles, he also liked to play card games, complete jigsaw puzzles, and read the latest Popular Mechanics and woodworking magazines.

A funeral service will be conducted at 2:00 p.m., Saturday, February 25, 2023 at Ebenezer Baptist Church, Gladys by Pastors Jacob Warren and Jamie Adams with military honors by American Legion Altavista Memorial Post 36 and Gretna Post 232.

The family will receive friends from 6:00 until 7:30 p.m., Friday at Finch & Finch Funeral and Cremation Service, Gladys.

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB **24**. 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM (ET)

Finch and Finch, Gladys
124 Flynn St.
Gladys, VA 24554

Funeral Ceremony

FEB **25**. 2:00 PM (ET)

Ebenezer Baptist Church
Physical Address: 267 Ebenezer Rd., Gladys, VA 24554
Naruna, VA 24576

Tribute Wall

RM

“ Shirley, Jeanette and the rest of the family, am so sorry to hear of Mr. Woodall's passing. We do not get the paper anymore and did not see the obituary until it was too late to attend the funeral. Mr. Woodall was a wonderful person. I still have a train he made when Randy was small. I will always remember him and Irene. Prayers for your peace and comfort.



Randal & Sarah Monroe - February 25, 2023 at 03:02 PM

EB

“ I want to express my sympathies for the passing of your beloved father. May he rest in eternal peace in his heavenly home with all of his friends and family who passed before him. He was a wonderful man and was loved by all of us. Edward Burton

Edward Burton - February 25, 2023 at 11:05 AM

JB

“ Elaine and I are unable to attend Bill's life celebrations, but would like to express our love to the family as you celebrate and grieve. JW Burton

John W Burton - February 24, 2023 at 04:46 PM

BT

“ Jeanette, my sincere condolences to you and your family upon the passing of your dear father.

Becky R. Thomas

Becky Thomas - February 24, 2023 at 02:32 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of William Wesley Woodall.*



February 24, 2023 at 10:58 AM



“ *Shirley & Jeanette,
My love and sympathy to you ! I have fond memories of Bill & Irene.
They were my Mom & Dad's favorite! I am in hospital and can't
come to the service. But know that I'm keeping you all close at
heart. Brenda Freeman*

Brenda Freeman - February 24, 2023 at 09:38 AM



“ *Mr Bill was a one-of-a-kind person that lived a truly remarkable life. I
feel lucky I got to know him. He will not be forgotten.*

Anthony Moshonas - February 24, 2023 at 06:53 AM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the
family of William Wesley Woodall.*



February 23, 2023 at 07:59 PM



“ So many fond memories of Bill. In fact I just painted one of the wonderful Adirondack chairs he made for me many, many, many years ago. My sincere condolences to the family. *Joanne Jordan-Proffitt*

Joanne Jordan-Proffitt - February 23, 2023 at 07:26 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms* was purchased for the family of William Wesley Woodall.



February 23, 2023 at 07:17 PM