



Bernard Wilkinson

April 11, 1913 - August 27, 2013

Colonial Heights, VA - Bernard Astor Wilkinson, died Tuesday August 27, 2013. He was a son of the late D. Moody Wilkinson and Dora Harry Wilkinson, was born on April 11, 1913 in Bluefield, West Virginia and lived there for eighty-three years. He owned East River Insurance Agency. He was very active in his community and church. He served as the Leader in the Elks and Lions organizations. He was a member of the Mercer County Commissioners. He was State President of the Gideon (Bible) Association. He was a Sunday school teacher, church and district Lay Leader at Grace Methodist Church, and he was a Certified Lay Speaker. Nancy McNeer moved her parents to Colonial Heights seventeen years ago for easier living space and better access to medical needs. While there, Bernard and Edith enjoyed singing with the Southernaires, attending church at Highland and Wesley United Methodist, and being involved with Richard Bland College events. Bernard loved playing golf with the Senior League. No finer man ever lived; he was a gentleman in every way ???" so loving and so loved. He was predeceased by his parents, two brothers, a sister, and his grandson, Scott McNeer. Surviving Mr. Wilkinson is his wife of 78 years, Edith Taylor Wilkinson; two daughters, Betty Bourne (husband Jack), and Nancy McNeer (husband Jim); three grandchildren, Jody Bourne (wife Chrissy), Dave Bourne (wife Vicky), and Amanda McNeer; 7 great-grandchildren, Jessica, Hannah, Ben, Morgan, and Sloan Bourne, Megan and Matthew McNeer; and numerous nephews and nieces. Funeral service will be held at 2:00 p.m. Saturday, August 31, 2013 at

Mercer Funeral Home Chapel. Interment will follow in Monte Vista Park Cemetery. The family will receive friends from 1 to 2:00 p.m. Saturday prior to the service at the funeral home. In lieu of flowers the family suggest contributions may be made to the J. Scott McNeer Scholarship Fund at Richard Bland College, 11301 Johnson Road, Petersburg, Virginia 23805, or to The Bluefield Union Mission, P.O. Box #4056, Bluefield, West Virginia, 24701. Those wishing to share memories or condolence messages with the family may do so by visiting www.MercerFuneralHome.com Mercer Funeral Home & Crematory is assisting the family of Bernard Wilkinson.

Tribute Wall



“ *Bernard Wilkinson*

October 05, 2023 at 06:08 PM



“ *Betty Jo, Jack and Family: I didn't hear about your dad until later and I am so sorry! I know he was loved and a wonderful man. What a fantastic long life he had. Thinking of you today and always. Prayers for you and your family.*

Patti Wrenn - March 07, 2014 at 04:20 PM



“ *I worked worked with Bernard at Walmart he was first a door greeter, then later worked in jewelry, thats where I got to know Bernard well, he was a gentle and kind man, not a nicer man around. He is surely be misseed but heaven gained a angel.*

pamela bottomlee Davis - March 07, 2014 at 04:20 PM



“ *Our Prayers and Sympathys to the family of this wonderful Brother in Christ. I will always remember our times in the Methodist Men and Jackson Mill He made a great inpact on the people he came in contact with*

Rev. George H.Fizer - March 07, 2014 at 04:20 PM

CB

“ Edith, Betty, Nancy and family, Mary and I were so sorry to hear of Bernard's passing. God gave him many good years and he made the best of them serving the Father, you his family, and mankind in general. He was a true and faithful witness. I have so very many fond rememberances of Bernard. Mostly his smile when we met. I never saw him down or unhappy. The glow of a true Christian was always on his face and in his personality. He represented his faith to the fullest. You have lost, on this earth, a husband, a father and a grandfather. However, rejoice for you shall see him again if you love and believe in his Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Love and prayers,
Charlie and Mary Bell

Charlie and Mary Bell - March 07, 2014 at 04:20 PM

RS

“ So sorry about the death of your father. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and Jack and all your family. Sorry we can't give you our condolences in person but we already scheduled to be out of town in Roanoke with the grandchildren.

Randy Yost & Missy Simpson - March 07, 2014 at 04:20 PM

BJ

“ Betty Jo and Jack~ Sorry for the loss of your dad. He had such a long, fulfilling life. Cherish your memories! Bob & Alva Jones Sumter SC

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