



Thomas Sutherland,

May 19, 1921 - September 21, 2010

Bluefield, WV- Thomas Carlyle Sutherland, Jr., 89, of 2819 Grassy Branch Road, Bluefield, WV, died Tuesday September 21, 2010 at a Roanoke hospital. Born May 19, 1921 in Bluefield, WV, he was a son of the late Thomas Carlyle Sutherland, Sr. and Blanche Combs Sutherland. Mr. Sutherland was a veteran of the U.S. Navy, having served in World War II. He was a member of Cumberland Heights Baptist Church and had once been an avid bowler. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his wife, Betty Poore Sutherland; two sons, Tom Sutherland and Steve Sutherland; and one brother, Harry Sutherland. Survivors include his children, Amy Sutherland of Woodbridge, VA, Kathy Nelson and Judy Nelson, both of Bristol, TN and Rick Sutherland of Texas; one sister, Geraldine Henderson of Arizona; grandchildren, Brad Nelson and Amber Moore; also surviving are several other grandchildren not living in the area; and special extended family, Bob and Debbie Hampton, Tim and Stephanie Hampton, Timmy, Zack and Lily Hampton; and Joseph Romeo. The family will receive friends at Mercer Funeral Home on Thursday evening, September 23, 2010 from 6:00 until 8:00 p.m. A graveside service will be held on Friday September 24, 2010 at 11:00 a.m. at Mountain View Cemetery in Bristol, VA with Pastor J.H. Kestner officiating. Those wishing to share memories or condolence messages with the family may do so by visiting www.MercerFuneralHome.com Mercer Funeral Home & Crematory is serving the family of Mr. Thomas Carlyle Sutherland, Jr.

Tribute Wall



“ *Thomas Sutherland,*

October 05, 2023 at 06:08 PM

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“ My name is Dan Norrie. I had know Mr. Sutherland since 1978 as he was my neighbor growing up in Ft. Collins. Oddly enough....I saw Tom in Ft. Collins the day before he was kidnapped. I knew he was renting out his house while teaching abroad. One day... I see that old, white 1960's Volvo driving right down Garfield St. It was Tom... just taking a look at the neighborhood I guess before he left for Lebanon. He gave me a wave and a smile. I may have been the last person to see Tom in Ft. Collins before he was kidnapped.

In less than 24hours....he was national news. Front story on the Denver Post! I couldn't quite process how I just saw him the day before.

People used to joke of Tom and my father, Tom Norrie, opening a used car lot as they commonly had 8 or more cars parked side by side in the two huge driveways of their homes.

Often I would come visit and find cars, snowmobiles that used to be my Dad's now in Mr. Sutherlands driveway! Tom bought many vehicles from my Dad....and probably at a bargain price! Ahhhh....the thrifty Scot!

I always knew him as a kind soul...not a bit of pessimism, intolerance, anger in his voice. Must have been the accent!

The Sutherland's hosted a "get together" for my family when we lost my father in 2010. Such gracious hosts they let my family stay at their house.

Thanks for letting us jump on your trampoline Tom!

God bless friendly neighbor.

Daniel B. Norrie, DDS.

Dan Norrie - July 26, 2016 at 01:37 AM

TC

“ To the Family: Those of us who served on LST 5 with Tom fondly referred to him as "Mountain Willy". We have great memories of the time we spent together in the Navy and retold stories many times in phone conversations. It is with sadness that we learned of Tom's passing. We know how much all of you meant to him. We had the pleasure of meeting Betty and Amy many years ago at the family home in Bluefield. Our sympathy is with you at this time, and we will remember Tom in our thoughts and prayers. Tom Cadigan Sedona, AZ

Tom and Marianna Cadigan - March 07, 2014 at 04:20 PM

KH

“ Amy and family, I am so sorry for your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with you. I know your Dad is in a better place and with your Mother. Love to you- Kara

Kara Hall - March 07, 2014 at 04:20 PM