



Donald Calfee

September 28, 2013

PRINCETON - Donald E. Calfee, 88, of Green Valley, Princeton, died Saturday, September 28, 2013 at Carilion Roanoke Memorial Hospital from injuries sustained in a fall. Born May 2, 1925, in Bluefield, he was the son of the late Clarence Calfee and Alice Hager Calfee.

Don was a member of Greenview United Methodist Church. He served in the U.S. Coast Guard during World War II aboard the USS Merrill (DE 392). In recent years, Don attended several reunions of his shipmates, being the youngest and one of only five surviving crew members. After the war, he worked for a time for Church Auto Sales then worked at the family-owned Clover Dew Dairy until it closed in 1977. Don was later employed by West Virginia Armature, Bluestone Paving, MJ Electric and United Hydraulics. Don had a strong work ethic and worked well past his 85th birthday. One of his favorite sayings was, "I need a raise in pay and more vacation." His special pastime was listening to a variety of music.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his wife, Nancy Robinette Calfee in 1981; three brothers, Carl Calfee, James "Bud" Calfee and Clarence Calfee, Jr.; and two sisters, Irene Dye, and his twin, Dorothy Strother.

Survivors include two daughters, Donna Wikle and husband Stan of Princeton and Debbie Faw and husband Jon of Pearisburg, VA; two grandsons, Brian Wikle and wife Kara of Bluefield and Gavin Faw of Pearisburg, VA; three sisters, Frances Witt of Glen Lyn, VA, Betty Renfroe of Mississippi and

Jeanette O'Quinn and husband Lester of Princeton; several nieces and nephews; three step-grandchildren, Josh Faw and wife Lana, Candace Faw and Summer Carter and husband Joe; and special caregiver, Hope Click. Funeral services will be conducted at 2:00 p.m. Wednesday, October 2, 2013 at the Rowland H. Bailey Funeral Chapel of the Bailey-Kirk Funeral Home in Princeton with Rev. Joe Robinette officiating. Interment will follow at Roselawn Memorial Gardens in Princeton where military graveside rites will be conducted by the West Virginia National Guard Honor Guard and the Mercer County Veterans Council. Family will serve as pallbearers.

Memorial contributions may be made in memory of Mr. Calfee to: Disabled American Veterans, P. O. Box 14301, Cincinnati, OH 45250-0301.

Friends may visit from 6-8 p.m. Tuesday, October 1, 2013 at the Bailey-Kirk Funeral Home in Princeton. To view a video tribute to Mr. Calfee, or send the family online condolences, please visit www.bailey-kirk.com.

Tribute Wall



“ Bailey-Kirk Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Donald Calfee



Bailey-Kirk Funeral Home - September 28, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ Donald Calfee

December 27, 2022 at 03:07 PM



“ A sympathy card was purchased for the family of Donald Calfee.



January 14, 2014 at 08:51 PM



“ Stan Wikle lit a candle in memory of Donald Calfee



Stan Wikle - November 13, 2013 at 02:58 PM

SH

“ I am so sorry for this tremendous loss. I was moved to express my sympathy, especially after reading the words of the daughter. Wow! Donald had to be a great Daddy. Words spoken by mere man cannot bring much comfort, so I wanted to share God's words with the family, a few scriptures that bring comfort. Isaiah 25:8 says, "He will actually swallow up death forever, and the Sovereign Lord Jehovah will certainly wipe the tears from all faces..." (Psalms 34:18) tells us God is "near to those that are broken at heart; and those who are crushed in spirit he saves." Isn't that a beautiful thought? Yes, He is near to you right now. Jehovah God can and will equip you with "power beyond what is normal" to cope with your loss from one day to the next. I have a brochure I would love to share with anyone interested in further comfort. Simply e-mail me at shawnehurd@hotmail.com

Shawn Hurd - October 08, 2013 at 12:11 AM

DC

“ Donna & Debbie, I am so sorry for your loss.. May God hold you closer and give you the strength to get through this hard time. Thinking and praying for you... Dona

Dona Francis Casey - October 02, 2013 at 01:23 PM

MP

“ Debbie: So sorry to hear about the passing of your father. Our thoughts & prayers are with you and your family. Another one of the WWII Generation gone, but certainly not forgotten. Mark & DeAnna

Mark Perkins - October 01, 2013 at 10:29 PM

JR

“ Dear Donna, Debbie and families, I am so sorry for your loss. I have many fond memories of my Uncle Don. I have the utmost love and respect for him. First of all for his service to his country in World War II. He was a member of the "Greatest Generation". We shared a love of Appalachian folk music and had many conversations about his research efforts. What a kind and decent human being. God bless you. Love, Butch

Jim Robinette - October 01, 2013 at 04:16 PM

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“ The church as a whole sends their condolences for your loss. We long for the day where death will be swallowed up in the precious name of Jesus. Be assured the Valley View Seventh Day Adventist Church is praying for you.

Pastor Ron Patterson - October 01, 2013 at 03:42 PM

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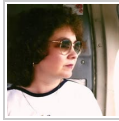
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Pastor Ron Patterson - October 01, 2013 at 03:40 PM

DF

“ To all Family and Friends, It is with a sad heart that I am writing this. I am so proud to be his baby daughter and to have him as a Daddy. He worked until he was way past 85...and loved it. He gave unconditionally to his family and friends and never asked anything in return. When I was only 6 years old, I asked my Mom to buy a red dress with tiny, red hearts sewn on the bottom of the dress and the phrase, "My Heart Belongs to Daddy," along the bottom of the dress. I shall never forget the smile and tears in his eyes as I ran to him to show him my new dress. I have so many happy memories of him as he always held my hand through scrapped knees, teaching me how to ride my bike, teaching me how to drive, watching me as I graduated college, nursed my broken hearts, walking me down the aisle, and held my baby boy. For the first time in my life, I am crying tears that my Dad cannot wipe away but I thank God for blessing me with a gentle, sweet man that I always called Daddy-O

Debbie Faw - September 30, 2013 at 03:38 PM



Sissy, I'm just now reading this because I could n't in Sept. I'm still crying my eyes out. I remember that red dress and how happy and proud you and Daddy both were. You and I have so many special memories. I wish he could be here to see this new great granddaughter that will be born very soon. I miss him so much. I, too, thank God for the blessing of our wonderful Dad.

Donna Wikle - July 10, 2014 at 10:11 PM