



Robert L. Mays, Sr.

February 24, 1912 - February 24, 2012

Robert L. Mays Sr. of Hurricane, W.Va., and Venice, Fla., loved the hymn “I’ll Fly Away,” and at the age of 84, in the presence of God, he was granted his angel wings on Feb. 24, 2012. He was surrounded by the endless love and care of his family in the peace and comfort of his home in Hurricane, W.Va. Bob was one of the most special people you could ever have known. He was a loving Christian, son, husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather, mentor and friend to many. The number of family and friends whom he loved and loved him as well are too numerous to count. He is survived by his loving wife of 64 years, Lois Bryant Mays; his son and daughter-in-law, Robert L. and Susan Mays Jr. of Ocala, Fla.; his daughter and son-in-law, Tamila S. and John D. Williams of Hurricane, W.Va.; four grandchildren, Heidi Jasper and Heather Mays of Ocala, Fla., Ashley S. Christopher and Tyler Mays Williams of Hurricane, W.Va.; two great-grandchildren, Scout and Gus Jasper of Ocala, Fla.; one sister and her husband, Joan and Carroll Davidson of Fairfield Glade, Tenn.; two brothers and their wives, Max and Marcy Mays of Meadview, Ariz.; and George and Barbara Jones of Huntington. Preceding his death was his mother, Princess Jones, age 100. Bob was well known throughout the Huntington and Charleston, W.Va., area and never met a stranger. He was one of those rare gifts from God that was loved, admired and respected by everyone around him. He served in the Merchant Marines at the end of World War II. He was a member of Church in the Valley in Milton, W.Va., which he helped to found. He was a former member of Highlawn

Baptist in Huntington, W.Va., where he was chairman of the deacon board, chairman of the advisory board, the Sunday school superintendent, Sunday school teacher and always helped with the youth, and was a member of the East End Kiwanis. He was also a part-time member of the First Baptist Church in Venice, Fla., where he and his wife attended during the winter. Bob was an avid hunter and has numerous trophies from hunts he enjoyed all over the world, including many of the lower 48 United States, Alaska, British Columbia and Africa. He was also a lifetime member of the National Rifle Association. He belonged to Gideons International and was a Kentucky Colonel. Bob was also a former board member of Putnam County Bank in Hurricane, W.Va. Bob was the founder and former owner of Standard Food Service in Hurricane, W.Va., which is now known as U.S. Foodservice of W.Va. He was former chairman of NIFDA (National Institutional Food Distributor Associates), as well as a board member for 16 years. The family would like to personally acknowledge and thank all the caring hands that lovingly cared for Bob to help make his final wishes come true. In lieu of flowers, please make donations to Jim Franklin Ministries, P.O. Box 233, Lesage, WV 25537; jimandsongs@aol.com. Funeral services will be conducted at 3 p.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 28, 2012, at Church in the Valley, Milton, W.Va., with Rev. Jim Franklin and Rev. Robert Johnson officiating. Visitation will be 1 p.m. until service time Tuesday at the church. Entombment will follow in Ridgelawn Memorial Park, Huntington. Henson Mortuary, Barboursville, is assisting the family with arrangements. Online condolences may be expressed to the family at www.hensonmortuary.com.

Tribute Wall



“ *Robert L. Mays, Sr.*

October 23, 2023 at 01:49 AM



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Judy and I send you our prayers, we loved Bob very much. He was a true role model for everyone that ever met him, personally or professionally. I'll never forget everything he has done for me. Some of my best memories are the company picnics at Camden Park, the day his mountain lion arrived on the new docks, and listening to him tell his hunting stories. He was so generous to share his camp with us. It tickles me to think that right now he's sitting down Howard Heffner and Donnie Barrett and they are all laughing and grinning from ear to ear

Kevin McAteer - February 28, 2012 at 06:58 PM



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Kevin McAteer of Frederick Md - February 28, 2012 at 12:00 AM

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“ *Lois - My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. I have fond memories of Bob at Highlawn.
Sincerely,
Joe Anderson*

Joe Anderson - February 27, 2012 at 08:32 PM

JC

“ *To the entire Mays family please accept my sympathies on the loss of such a great man. Mr. Mays was always kind and had a great heart filled with love for everyone he met. He truly incorporaterd the love of Christ in all he did.*

Jeff Carico - February 27, 2012 at 07:55 PM

RC

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We will never forget the Husband, Father, Grandfather, and Great Grandfather you all have been so Blessed to have. Mr.Mays was truly a God Given Gift in your lives as well as ours. We will remember him and you in our prayers and know that he is in peace with our Lord.*

Rex & Bobbie Carey - February 27, 2012 at 04:44 PM

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Conley B. Grimes - February 27, 2012 at 10:25 AM

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Ed and Lettie Furbee of Frederick, MD - February 26, 2012 at 12:00 AM

TT

“ tammy sorry for the loss of your father. i will be thinking of you in this difficult time. may god bless you all and your family. god has gained another angel. sincerely joy, kris, shawn and patrick thomasson.

the thomasson's - February 25, 2012 at 11:22 PM

BC

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Barbara Carico - February 25, 2012 at 10:21 AM

PC

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patrick,theresa and chance - February 25, 2012 at 09:26 AM

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