



Virgil Bruce Roberts

February 2, 1926 - September 13, 2014

Virgil Bruce Roberts, 88, of Huntington, WV passed away Saturday, September 13, 2014 in the Emogene Dolin Jones Hospice House, Huntington, WV. He was born February 2, 1926 in North Braddock, PA, son of the late John T. and Jennet Edwards Roberts. He was also preceded in death by one sister, Faith Roberts Gensler; two brothers, John Milford Roberts and Arthur Hannum Roberts. He graduated Point Pleasant High School 1943, attended WVU, and graduated from American Television Institute of Technology, Chicago, IL, November 11, 1949 with a B.S. Degree in Television Engineering. He was a U.S. Marine Corps Veteran, where he enlisted January 20, 1944 at age 17. He served in the Pacific Theater during WWII and participated in the occupation of Japan. Virgil separated from service August 1, 1946 and recalled to active duty to participate in the Korean War October 26, 1950. He separated from the service December 9, 1951. He retired from the International Nickel Company as an Electronics Engineer, and was an active member of the Marine Corps League, and of Providence Reformed Presbyterian Church, Barboursville, WV. He was a devoted husband, father and grandfather. He was noble, wise, generous beyond measure, always a gentleman, yet had a sense of humor that would catch you off guard. Lillie Irene Sexton Roberts, 85, of Huntington, WV, passed away Monday, September 15, 2014 in the Emogene Dolin Jones Hospice House and was reunited with her loving husband, Virgil. Irene was born July 17, 1929 in Bidwell, OH, the daughter of the late George Sexton and Alice Hatfield Rutan.

She was also preceded in death by one sister, Helen Rutan Greene. She graduated from Gallia Academy 1948 and from Holzer Hospital School of Nursing 1951. She is a retired Registered Nurse and previously worked at Cabell Huntington Hospital, St. Mary's Hospital and the former Huntington Hospital. She was a member of Providence Reformed Presbyterian Church, Barboursville, WV. Irene was a wonderful wife, mother and grandmother, always lovingly insisting upon proper etiquette and good manners. She would whistle a tune and clap her hands when she heard a familiar song, gravitated towards children and babies, greeting them with a friendly "Hi, doll-baby" or "Hello sweetie-pie". She had a zeal for presenting the gospel and within a short time of meeting her you knew her faithful stance. Her family knew her immense love that she had for them. She is survived by three sisters, Virginia Rutan Kirby, Gallipolis, OH, Sharon Rutan Russell, Vinton, OH, and Diana Nibert of Gallipolis, OH and one brother, Sherman Lee Rutan of Bidwell, OH. Together, Virgil and Irene are preceded in death by son-in-law, Charles Jeffrey Conner and one grandson, Brian Phillip Frye. They are survived by their children, Jennifer Roberts Alldredge (Dan) of Evansville, IN, Melissa Roberts Conner of Kailua, HI, Virgil Bruce Roberts, Jr. (Susan Sinclair) of Wilmington, NC, Valerie Roberts Harry (Steve) of Newburgh, IN, Randall Roberts (Rose) of Salt Rock, WV; twenty grandchildren, Stephanie Frye Adkins, Jessica Frye Cox, Justin Frye, Samantha, Erin and Joshua Conner, Randalle, Reuben, David and Joseph Roberts, Alison Harry Alldredge, Elyse, Kathryn, and Olivia Harry, Levi, Caleb, Luke, Gabriel, Eve, and Phoebe Roberts; eleven great-grandchildren, Alexandra, Emmalina, Vivienne, Trevor, Gretta, Tucker, Josie, Bria, Alexis, Christian and Evelyn and a host of family and friends. Joint funeral services for both Virgil and Irene will be conducted at 12:00 noon on Saturday, September 20, 2014 at Pea Ridge United Methodist Church with Rev. Mark Kozak officiating. Burial will follow in White Chapel Memorial Gardens, Barboursville, WV. Visitation will be from 5-8 PM on Friday, September 19, 2014 at Henson & Kitchen Mortuary, Barboursville, WV and 11 AM prior to the service at the church. In lieu of flowers memorial donations

may be made to the Emogene Dolin Jones Hospice House. Online condolences may be shared with the family by visiting www.hensonmortuary.com.

Tribute Wall



“ *Virgil Bruce Roberts*

October 23, 2023 at 01:49 AM



“ *Virgil and Irene Roberts have been a blessing in my life through the many years that I have know them. Virgil was like a mentor to me when I was a younger minister of the Gospel. He served the Body of Christ faithfully.*

Rev. Leo Frailey of Columbus, Ohio - September 19, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ *Dearest Jennifer, Dan & family, We are sorry for the loss of your beautiful parents, Irene and Virgil. We are praying that the deep love and sweet company of friends and family with comfort you at this very difficult and sad time. We share in your loss with love and friendship. We know that the Lord's promises are wonderfully real, true and everlasting. And in this, we celebrate with you the reunion of your precious parents in Heaven with Jesus Christ our Lord of Savior for eternity. May God continue to hold you in His tender care. In Christ, Ray & Susan D'Spain*

Ray and Susan D'Spain of Bandera, TX - September 18, 2014 at 12:00 AM

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“ Merv & I are the parents of Kimberly Cook, wife of Greg Cook who served as pastor of Providence Reformed Presbyterian Church for nearly 10 years. My husband always enjoyed talking with Virgil when we would visit the church with Kim & Greg, and I spoke with Virgil and Irene many times when we visited. They were devoted, committed Christians who always made us feel welcome at Providence. We extend our deepest condolences to their children and families. How fitting that Irene should follow her devoted husband just 2 days after his death so that they could be with the Lord together. Fan Oleson

Merv and Fanchon Oleson of 10800 Fox Hunt Lane, Potomac, MD 20854 -
September 17, 2014 at 12:00 AM

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“ Virgil Bruce Roberts

Pastor Harold O. Kelley of Carmichaels, PA - September 17, 2014 at 12:00 AM

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“ Our thoughts and prayers go out to the entire family during this difficult time. Irene's cousin, Marlene Fraley Davis, youngest daughter of the late Bill and Reva Murray Fraley of Bidwell and granddaughter of the late Anthony and Hallie Rutan Murray of Bidwell. Hallie was a Sister to Sherman.

Tom and Marlene (Fraley) Davis of Gallipolis, Ohio - September 16, 2014 at 12:00 AM

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“ Randall, I'm keeping you and your family in my prayers. I hope you can find comfort in the fact that they are together. Love you.

LeAnne Gilkerson of Barboursville - September 16, 2014 at 12:00 AM

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“ *My condolences on the passing of your husband and father. I enjoyed talking to him at the Bidwell school reunions which my mother, Reva Fraley and I attended several years ago.*

Arela Karlene Fraley Bunke of Powell, Ohio - September 16, 2014 at 12:00 AM