



William Boasman Graves, Sr.

December 13, 1926 - December 28, 2015

William "Billy" Boasman Graves, Sr., 89 was born in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania on December 13, 1926 to the late Nancy and Lott Graves. He departed this life December 28, 2015 at McGuire Hospital.

He left home and became a traveling man at an early age. Billy did not have a fear of anything and had life in his hands. He joined the United States Navy at 17 where he served his country proud and received an honorable discharge.

He met his first wife, the late Dorothy Ballard in Norfolk, Virginia later moving to Camp Pendleton, California. In 1952, he married the late Mary Elizabeth Adkinson in Philadelphia. He loved nature and all the world had to offer. He was a true philosopher and would love to tell you stories. Billy was a unique man that enjoyed sharing his wisdom with others if you were willing to listen. He was always helping neighbors and anyone who needed him.

He moved his family to New Kent in 1954. Billy worked for Williamsburg Laundry followed by the original Williamsburg Pottery as their sign painter for many years. He joined New Elam Baptist Church at an early age. There he served as caretaker and also assisted with the upkeep of the old sanctuary.

He leaves to cherish his memory six daughters, Regina Teague (Patrick), Sheila Mitchell-Patterson, Shirley Forbes, Renae Caffee (Michael), Patrica

Baker (Bruce), and Angela Voshell (Shane); two sons, William B. Graves Jr. (Laura) and Randall Graves; 17 grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren, four great-great-grandchildren; and a host of other relatives and caring friends.

Cemetery Details

New Elam Baptist Church Cemetery

8101 Cumberland Road
New Kent, VA 23124

Previous Events

viewing

DEC 31. 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

March Funeral Home-Laburnum Chapel
Richmond, VA 23222

Service

JAN 2. 11:00 AM (ET)

New Elam Baptist Church
8101 Cumberland Road
New Kent, VA 23124

Tribute Wall



“ *William Boasman Graves, Sr.*

October 13, 2022 at 08:33 AM



“ *Hello, my name is joy and I would like to offer my condolences ,and I would also like to share a scripture with you found at revaltion 21: 3:4 where it reassures us that sickness death and pain will be taken away this is a promise from god.*

Joy - December 30, 2015 at 10:55 AM



“ *Sorry for Your loss, may Jehovah give your comfort in your time of need. 2Corinthian 1;3,4.*

Carolyn - December 29, 2015 at 04:11 AM



“ *When someone we love dies, it's natural to want to see that one again. You can look forward to the day when you can hold and embrace your Mr. Graves again. Take comfort in the fact that he is in God's memory and is no longer suffering. (Ecclesiastes 9:5, 10). With my deepest condolences.*

Strothers Family - December 28, 2015 at 06:02 PM



“ We the March Family and Staff wish to extend our deepest and heartfelt sympathy in the passing of your loved one. Our prayers go out to you and your family in your time of loss. We know and understand that you have received many expressions of love and we will continue to lift you up in prayer. May the memories you cherish of brighter and happier days help to ease your sorrow and comfort you always.

March Funeral Homes - December 28, 2015 at 05:28 PM