



Mr. Harry Byrd Kates

October 31, 1937 - January 11, 2013

Harry Byrd Kates, 75, of Providence Forge, Va., born October 31, 1937 passed away January 11, 2013 after a long and courageous fight with cancer. Harry retired from Philip Morris after 33 years of service. He served in the United States Army as an M.P. from 1956-1958. He was a member of Ephesus United Methodist Church in Clarksville, Va. for 60 years.

Harry was preceded in death by his parents, Albert and Willie Kates; a brother, Meredith Thomas Kates; and a sister and her husband, Dorothy and Mario Amatucci.

Harry is survived by his wife of 29 years, Barbara "Bobbie" Kates; one son, Christopher Alan Kates; one brother, Albert Kates Jr. and his wife, Atha; a sister, Elizabeth Dearman and her husband, Jimmy; and his grandson, Christopher Lee Kates and numerous nieces, nephews, cousins and friends. The family would like to offer a special thank you to a very loyal friend, Charlie Hodges and to all of his friends and family at Hopewell Baptist Church.

A special thank you to Horizons Hospice for the care of not only Harry, but of our family as well.

A special thank you to Maryann Marks and her husband, Ken of Farnham, Va., a niece whom he thought of as the daughter he never had.

A memorial service will be held 1 PM Wednesday, January 16, 2013 at Ephesus United Methodist Church, 31399 Trottnridge Road, Clarksville, Va. 23927.

Memorial contributions may be made to Hopewell Baptist Church, 5061

Hopewell Rd., New Kent, VA 23124.

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“ Barb, I was on Vincents website posting a condolence for someone else and saw Harry's obituary! I didn't learn of his passing until then. I am so sorry and I will keep you in my prayers. May God Bless You now and always. Love, Brenda Reaves

Brenda Reaves - January 24, 2013 at 05:42 PM

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“ May the God of all comfort be with you during this time of deep sorrow and may you be comforted by the promises in the Bible at Revelation 21:3-5 which reads "With that I heard a loud voice from the throne say: "Look! The tent of God is with mankind, and he will reside with them, and they will be his peoples. And God himself will be with them. 4 And he will wipe out every tear from their eyes, and death will be no more, neither will mourning nor outcry nor pain be anymore. The former things have passed away." 5 And the One seated on the throne said: "Look! I am making all things new." Also, he says: "Write, because these words are faithful and true." These promises are so assured that they are written as if they have already happened. May you have faith and hope in these promises from Jehovah God.

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