



John Robert Bland

December 2, 1925 - December 23, 2014

John Robert Bland, 89, of King & Queen, died December 23, 2014 at Riverside Walter Reed Hospital. He was born December 2, 1925.

John was preceded in death by his parents John Carlisle Bland and Lydia Hart Bland, a brother Carlisle Tazewell Bland and a sister Lylia (Lillie) Bland, He is survived by his sister Dorothy Ann Bland, a nephew Richard Carlisle Bland and several nieces.

John retired from VDOT as a supervisor after 43 years of service. He served as First Assistant Chief and was a member of the Central King & Queen Fire Department for 42 years. John won many trophies in the parades throughout Virginia. He serves as Sergeant of Arms for the Rappahannock Fireman Association and was a member of the Virginia State Fire Fighters Association. John was a member of the NRA and the Virginia National Guard 1950. He received the King and Queen Volunteer Fire Department award in 1992 for service, dedication and leadership. He received the Community Builders in recognition of outstanding service to the community from the Ancient Free and Accepted Masonic Lodge #238, West Point, VA. John was awarded the Veteran of Foreign Wars award for meritorious and distinguished service in furthering the aims and ideas of the VFW of the United States. He was an active member of the Little Plymouth Hunt Club. He served as the Grand Marshall and led the parade in the King & Queen County 9th Annual Community Pride Day. John was a member of Old Church United Methodist Church, Shanghai, VA.

A funeral service will be held 2 p.m. Sunday, December 28th, at Old Church United Methodist Church, 25614 The Trail, Mattaponi, VA 23110. Interment will follow in the church cemetery. The family will receive friends 6 to 8 p.m. Saturday at Vincent Funeral Home, 417 11th Street, West Point, VA 23181. Memorials may be made to Old Church United Methodist Church, c/o Sandy Bartos 1213 Melrose Landing, Little Plymouth, VA 23091 or Central King & Queen Volunteer Fire Department, PO Box 26, King & Queen Court House, VA, 23085.

Tribute Wall

CC

“ Johnny was a true friend and good neighbor. He would always help you out when needed. We will Miss you dearly. God Bless the Bland Family.

Cindy Carlton - December 28, 2014 at 05:51 PM

JE

“ My condolences to the Bland Family. May you "pray constantly" during this time of distress to get help you endure. (1 Thes. 5:17)

Josh E. - December 25, 2014 at 08:36 AM

 Crystal McLean

“ Johnny Bland, you certainly were one in a million. Rest in peace, sweet soul!

Crystal McLean - December 24, 2014 at 02:36 PM

BH

I didn't know him as well as my husband, but to hear him talk there couldn't have been a finer man who served his fellowman and his community well. He was a blessing to all who knew him and will be so missed.

Brenda and Larkin Hundley - December 24, 2014 at 04:09 PM



I wish we would have had more time with you. The kids and I will miss seeing you at church. Blessings to Dorothy Ann and the family.

Amanda Combs - December 24, 2014 at 08:11 PM

JP

RIP Mr. Bland. Truly one of the nicest men I met during my magazine travels. Central King & Queen VFD has lost a very special member. My condolences to all.

Jerry Puryear - December 25, 2014 at 07:54 AM



I met Johnny Bland when I worked in King & Queen as a deputy-sheriff in 1991. He was one of those genuinely good guys. I would run into him from time to time and he remembered me and would always speak, even years after I had left the county. He ran with the fire department forever. He always had a smile on his face and something nice to say. He will be missed.

*Christopher Spare
Chief of Police
Warsaw Police Department*

Christopher Spare - December 25, 2014 at 07:31 PM

JF

Johnny was a good man and a good neighbor to everyone. He will not be forgotten but his presence will be missed. Our deepest sympathy to Dorothy.

Jacob Dabney and Family - February 20, 2015 at 03:34 PM