



Bernard Winchester Ringgold

May 1, 1916 - September 28, 2008

Bernard Winchester Ringgold of Stevensville, MD died Sunday September 28, 2008 at Corsica Hills in Centreville, MD. He was 92.

Born in Stevensville on May 1, 1916, he was the son of the late Samuel and Gladys White Ringgold. Due to his mother's death, he was raised by his grandmother. He attended school in Chester, MD. Mr. Ringgold married Alice E.M. Walters of Chester on October 8, 1938. During WWII, he served in the U.S. Navy in the Pacific Theater on board the U.S.S. Westmoreland. When he returned home, Mr. Ringgold worked as a waterman. When the first Chesapeake Bay Bridge was built, he worked on its construction. He later worked for Ed Cole as a pile driver. In 1960's he started working for C.J. Langenfelter in Stevensville as a tugboat mate. Mr. Ringgold retired to take care of his wife. He was known as "The Bird Man" of Love Point. Many articles were written about his success with Martin houses in his backyard. Mr. Ringgold also enjoyed building and sailing ice boats when the Bay would freeze over.

He is survived by a son, John B. Ringgold of Chester; two daughters, Brenda A. Ruth of Grasonville and Gladys M. Lee of Chester; seven grandchildren, John B. Ringgold Jr., Richard T. Ringgold and Tad D. Ringgold, all of Chester, Troy Ruth of Stevensville, Scott Ruth of Chester, Luanne Hudson of Chester and Tyra Lee of Chester; and fourteen grandchildren. In addition to his wife,

who predeceased him on November 22, 2001, he is predeceased by four brothers, Charles, Thomas, Robert and Roland Ringgold.

A funeral service will be held 11AM on Thursday October 2nd, 2008 at the Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home, P.A. in Chester, MD. Where family and friends may call from 6pm to 8pm on Wednesday October 1, 2008. Interment will immediately follow in Stevensville Cemetery in Stevensville, MD. The family requests that memorial contributions be made to Hospice of Queen Anne's Inc 255 Comet Drive Centreville, MD 21617.

Tribute Wall



“ *Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Bernard Winchester Ringgold*



Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home - September 28, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ *Bernard Winchester Ringgold*

October 26, 2023 at 06:42 PM



“ *Bernard Winchester Ringgold*

January 28, 2023 at 12:44 PM



“ *Bernard Winchester Ringgold*

January 28, 2023 at 08:03 AM



“ *Brenda: Our thoughts and prayers are with you in the loss of your father. Our sympathy to you and your family at this time. God Bless each one of you. Lynda and Gene Palmatary##imported-begin##Lynda H. Palmatary##imported-end##*

October 02, 2008 at 05:24 PM



“ To Brenda, Jackie and Gladys.
I would like to express my condolences to all of you during this very hurting time. Your father lived a long and wonderful life. He was a very fine gentleman and will be missed by many. May God be with you and lend you a helping hand in dealing with your lost.

Bob (Tomcat) Thomas##imported-begin##Bob Thomas##imported-end##

October 02, 2008 at 12:17 PM



“ I am sorry to hear of Mr. Ringgold's passing. I met Mr. Ringgold a few times over the years and he was always a polite person and very nice to talk with. I send my condolences to the family. I pray that peace will be with you in the coming days.

Sharlene Bullen##imported-begin##Sharlene Bullen##imported-end##

September 29, 2008 at 11:28 PM



“ Jackie,Brenda,Glady and families,
I was so sorry to hear of the death of Uncle Bernie. He lived a long and happy life and he will be missed by all who knew him. Love
Cindy##imported-begin##Cindy Ringgold-Goble ,Kent and
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September 29, 2008 at 04:18 PM



“ Gladys and family,
Sorry to read of your father's passing. I know of your feelings of loss as you know. Please express my sympathies to your girls and their families. My thoughts and prayers will be with you all.
Debbie###imported-begin##Debbie Legg Daugherty###imported-end##

September 28, 2008 at 07:50 PM



“ Jackie, I am so sorry to hear of your father's death. Even if expected, it still hurts, as I just learned. My thoughts and prayers are with you, your sisters, and Cousin Bernie. Joan Denny Searles###imported-begin##Joan Denny Searles###imported-end##

September 28, 2008 at 07:35 PM



“ Gladys and family sorry for you loss my prayers are with you all
Phyllis martin Wardensville wv###imported-begin##Phyllis cockrill martin###imported-end##

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