



Ellis D. "Rusty" Rustand

September 16, 1925 - January 22, 2016

Ellis (Rusty) Duane Rustand "Rusty" was born in Grant County, MN, on September 16, 1925, to Iver and Ella Rustand. He graduated from Fergus Falls High School in Fergus Falls, MN, in 1943 and spent three years in the U.S. Navy during World War II.

After graduating with a Civil Engineering degree from the University of Minnesota in 1951, Rusty worked as a Civil Engineer in the United States, Europe, and Vietnam. From 1959 until his retirement in 1987, he served as a civilian engineer for the US Air Force.

He had two great loves in his life. He was married to his first wife, Phyllis Wehmeyer for 43 years until her unexpected death from cancer in 1994. He then met and married Grace (Jones) Bishop in 1995 and lived happily with her until his death.

During his retirement, Rusty enjoyed traveling and being involved in community service. He was a member of Christ Presbyterian Church in Elkton, MD. He also worked as a volunteer at Kent and Queen Anne's Hospital for twenty years. Rusty and Grace loved God's word, and they founded the Historic Christianity Free Lending Library. In his later years, Rusty worked with the Prison Ministry at Mt. Zion Bible Church Chapel Library in Pensacola, FL, helping prisoners find a new life path. This proved to be his

most gratifying endeavor as he happily worked to glorify his dear Lord with his life.

Rusty is survived by his wife Grace; three children, Linda Dutton, Mark Rustand and Lauri Rustand; four granddaughters, Lauren Harton (Dutton), Martha Dutton, Jessica Hekl and Meghan Hekl; a stepdaughter, Bettina Harris; a stepgrandson, Jared Harris; and three great-grandchildren, Tessa, Ben, and Lee Harton. He was preceded in death by his three siblings, Hanford Rustand, Ronald Rustand and Irene Arnold.

A funeral service, followed by reception, will be held on Sunday, January 31, 2016, at 2 p.m. at Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home, P.A., 130 Speer Road, Chestertown, MD, where friends may call one hour prior (1 p.m. Visitation). A private burial will follow at the Christ I.U. Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Mt. Zion Chapel Library, 2603 West Right Street, Pensacola, FL 32505-7950.

Cemetery Details

Christ I.U. Cemetery

Previous Events

Service

JAN 31. 2:00 PM (ET)

Chestertown Location
130 Speer Road
Chestertown, MD 21620
(410) 778-0055
info@fhnfuneralhome.com

Tribute Wall



“ *Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Ellis D. "Rusty" Rustand*



Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home - January 29, 2016 at 08:01 AM



“ *Ellis D. "Rusty" Rustand*

January 28, 2023 at 12:44 PM



“ *Ellis D. "Rusty" Rustand*

January 28, 2023 at 08:03 AM



“ *I know Rusty is dancing in heaven right now ! His memories on our heavenly planet earth are fond. I extend love to Grace and all his children. Pamela Ann Quarstein*

Pamela Ann Quarsein - February 04, 2016 at 02:24 PM



“ 12 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home - January 31, 2016 at 09:46 AM

RF

“ *Rustand Family purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Ellis D. "Rusty" Rustand.*



Rustand Family - January 29, 2016 at 12:32 PM

BH

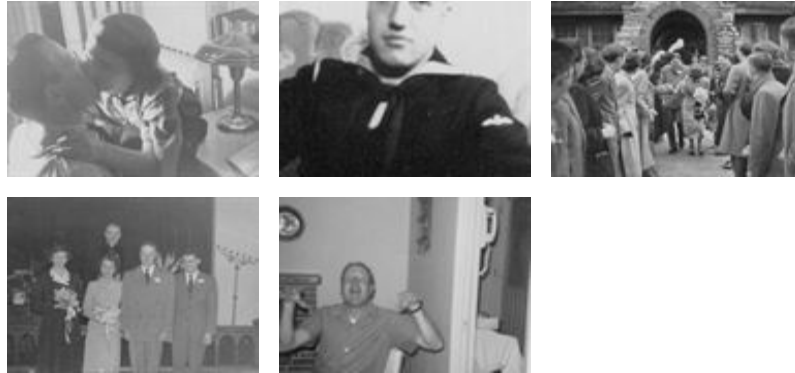
“ *Bob Hekl purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Ellis D. "Rusty" Rustand.*



Bob Hekl - January 29, 2016 at 11:38 AM



“ 73 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home - January 29, 2016 at 07:40 AM

JF

“ So sorry for your loss.



Jeromy French - January 28, 2016 at 05:50 PM

MR

“ *Maryann Ruehrmund lit a candle in memory of Ellis D. "Rusty" Rustand*



Maryann Ruehrmund - January 26, 2016 at 08:54 AM

MR

A wonderful man and incredible volunteer - you will be missed. Prayers for you, Gracie.

Maryann Ruehrmund - January 26, 2016 at 08:54 AM

JH

Rusty was a devout Christian as is his widow, Grace. He has gone home to be with his Lord now and forever. We, here, will miss him, but he is waiting for us in glory!

Jim Harrison, January 28

Jim Harrison - January 28, 2016 at 05:43 PM