



## Dr. Harry Clement Rhodes

November 23, 1914 - July 14, 2014

Dr. Harry Clement Rhodes of Queenstown, MD died at the University of MD Shore Medical Center at Easton on July 14, 2014. He was 99.

Born on November 23, 1914 near Queenstown, MD, he was the son of the late Louis Kennard and Florence McConnor Rhodes. He graduated from Centreville High School in 1931 and graduated from Washington College in 1935 with a Bachelor of Science Degree. He continued his education and earned Master's Degree in 1948 and his Doctor of Education Degree in 1960, both from the University of Maryland. In completing work for this degree, he completed courses at Columbia University, University of Chicago, University of Delaware, Johns Hopkins University, George Washington University and Goucher College. He began his teaching career in 1935 at Poolesville School, Poolesville, MD and became Vice Principal in 1940.

On August 11, 1938 he married Elizabeth Creighton Jones of Dickerson, MD. During World War II he served in the United States Navy in the South Atlantic and Pacific areas on mine sweepers from 1942-1946 and attained the rank of Lieutenant before his honorable discharge in 1946.

He taught for one year at Gaithersburg High School, Gaithersburg, MD and then returned to Poolesville School as Principal from 1947-1952. In 1952 he was named Superintendent of Schools in Queen Anne's County and served in

that position until he retired in 1967. During his tenure as Superintendent of Schools he was responsible for moving the system from a segregated to an integrated one without any major problems. He also was responsible for consolidating the four small high schools into one central high school, the Queen Anne's County High School which has been in continuous operation since 1966. In 1967, Dr. Rhodes accepted the position of Dean of Faculty at Anne Arundel Community College, Arnold, MD and continued as such until his retirement in 1973. Upon his retirement he continued to work with many local organizations and groups in the area.

In 1980, Dr. Rhodes was selected as the Man of the Year, an honor bestowed by the County Commissioners, in 1987 he was awarded the Alumni Citation from Washington College for his work in education and civic affairs, in 1990 he was awarded a citation for outstanding community services by the Centreville Rotary Club and in 1990 he was recognized by Chesapeake College for his many years of service to the College and Education. In 1991 the Centreville High School Alumni Association gave him a citation for his many years of service to the high school.

In 1962 he compiled and wrote a History of the Queenstown Bank of Maryland; this history was updated in 1980. In 1976 he contributed to the writing of the History of St. Peter's Church, in 1985 he completed and published the books "QUEENSTOWN", a social history of a Small American Town, and "Country Boy Grows Up". In 1988 he compiled the Rhodes Family History for eleven generations. He wrote many other papers and spoke to many groups and organizations in the area.

He was a member of the National Education Association, the American Association of School Administrators, Teachers' Associations of Montgomery and Queen Anne's Counties as well as the Maryland State Association, Washington College and University of Maryland Alumni Associations, founding

member of Monocacy Lions club, Poolesville, MD; founding member of Upper Montgomery County Volunteer Fire Dept., Beallsville, MD. For several years he served as Director of Easton Memorial Hospital as well as member of various committees of the Hospital. He was a founding member of Chesapeake College and served two terms on the Board of Trustees, served as a Director of Queenstown Bank of Maryland for 32 years, served on the Board of Directors of Chesterwye Center, Inc. for many years, was a founding member and director and Treasurer of the Board for the Chesterwye Foundation. Dr. Rhodes also served as the Chairman of the 1995 United Way Campaign. He also served as Treasurer and Vice President of St. Peter's Cemetery Trust Fund and was a director of the Mid-Shore Community Foundation located in Easton, MD. He was an active member of St. Peter's Catholic Church, Queenstown, and served on its Church Council and the Finance Committee for many years. He was a member of the Queen Anne's County Historical Society, the American Legion at Centreville, VFW at Grasonville and the Moose Club at Queenstown, as well as the Kent Island Yacht Club. He served as Mayor of Queenstown for two years and was a member of the town board for five years. He received Chesapeake College's "Pride of the Peake" Award in 2013.

Dr. Rhodes was a long time stamp collector and he has traveled to 72 different countries and islands as well as the fifty states; except for the years of military service his wife traveled with him.

Dr. Rhodes is survived by a sister, Margaret Alice Rhodes Brantley of Colfax, NC ; and several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his wife, Creighton, who died in 2009; and three brothers, J. Thomas Rhodes, Sr., Louis Kennard Rhodes, Jr., and William W. Rhodes.

Friends and family may visit at the Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral

Home, Centreville, MD on Thursday, July 17 from 4-6 PM.

A Funeral Liturgy will be celebrated for Dr. Rhodes at 11 AM on Friday, July 18 at St. Peter's Catholic Church, Queenstown, MD.

Burial will be at St. Peter's Catholic Church Cemetery, Queenstown, MD.

Memorial donations may be made to St. Peter's Cemetery Trust, P.O. Box 10, Queenstown, MD 21658; Chestertwye Inc., PO Box 96, Grasonville, MD 21638; or to a charity of your choice.

# Cemetery Details

## St. Peter's Catholic Cemetery

5319 Ocean Gateway  
Queenstown, MD 21658

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUL 17. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Centreville Location  
408 South Liberty Street  
Centreville, MD 21617  
(410) 758-1151  
info@fhfuneralhome.com

## Funeral Liturgy

JUL 18. 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Peter the Apostle Catholic Church  
5319 Ocean Gateway  
Queenstown, MD

# Tribute Wall



“ *Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Dr. Harry Clement Rhodes* ”



**Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home** - July 16, 2014 at 04:30 PM



“ *Dr. Harry Clement Rhodes* ”

October 26, 2023 at 06:42 PM



“ *Dr. Harry Clement Rhodes* ”

January 28, 2023 at 12:44 PM



“ *Dr. Harry Clement Rhodes* ”

January 28, 2023 at 08:03 AM



“ *Frank And Tish Palmatary sent a virtual gift in memory of Dr. Harry Clement Rhodes* ”



**Frank and Tish Palmatary** - July 31, 2014 at 07:04 AM

TC

“ *Tim Blackiston, Corsica Hills Center lit a candle in memory of Dr. Harry Clement Rhodes*



**Tim Blackiston, Corsica Hills Center** - July 31, 2014 at 07:03 AM

CW

“ *Centreville United Methodist Women sent a virtual gift in memory of Dr. Harry Clement Rhodes*



**Centreville United Methodist Women** - July 21, 2014 at 06:00 PM

CW

*To the Rhodes Family: Our blessings are with you at this time in the loss of a wonderful gentleman. Dr. and Mrs. Rhodes never missed one of our church bazaars that we held every fall. It was always a pleasure to see them and they would sit and eat and chat to many while they were there. Queen Anne's County has lost a great man, but God has welcomed him with much love in heaven. Our prayers are with you. Centreville United Methodist Women*

**Centreville United Methodist Women** - July 21, 2014 at 06:04 PM

JS

“ *Jacqui Steuerman lit a candle in memory of Dr. Harry Clement Rhodes*



**Jacqui Steuerman** - July 18, 2014 at 04:56 AM

JS

*Thoughts and prayers are with the Rhodes family. This wonderful man was a true gift to all. His friendship not only only crossed generational, cultural and social differences but erased them. I feel truly blessed for the friendship, love and support given to my family by Harry and Creighton Rhodes.*

*Always in our hearts,  
Jacqui (Connor) and Ken Steuerman*

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**Jacqui Steuerman** - July 18, 2014 at 05:05 AM

AW

“ *Andy & Agnes Wilhelm lit a candle in memory of Dr. Harry Clement Rhodes*



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**Andy & Agnes Wilhelm** - July 17, 2014 at 10:32 PM

AH

“ *Dr. Rhodes would want me to make this correction.*

*Fourth paragraph - second sentence should read:  
Even if one did NOT know him, they were the recipient of his time  
and support in one way or another.*

*Apologies - Ava Honeycutt*

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**Ava Honeycutt** - July 17, 2014 at 04:28 PM

PE

“ Queen Anne's County has been honored to have Dr. Rhodes be a part of our communities for so long. A man of character who had a vision and made it happen. Once he met you he always knew who you were ( and your family). Prayers to the family and friends that he held so dear. Pam and Fred Edwards



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**Pam and Fred Edwards** - July 17, 2014 at 02:37 PM

CC

“ Christine Massey Collier lit a candle in memory of Dr. Harry Clement Rhodes



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**Christine Massey Collier** - July 17, 2014 at 02:07 PM

DL

“ I want to express my deepest sympathy to Dr. Rhodes' family for their loss and to everyone else touched by this wonderful man as he pursued so many careers and volunteer services. For me, I owe him the greatest debt of gratitude I can imagine. He had enough faith in me -- a rookie and former AACC graduate- - to hire me fresh out of graduate school as a full-time instructor at Anne Arundel Community College back in 1972. Thus began a career that I could only have dreamed of, eventuating in my retirement from AACC 40 years later. God Bless Dr. Rhodes. May you rest in peace. E. Joseph Lamp, Professor Emeritus, AACC

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**Dr. E. Joseph Lamp** - July 17, 2014 at 01:05 PM

DL

“ *All of us at Anne Arundel College share in this loss. Dr. Rhodes will be missed by his colleagues and the students he educated.*  
*Dr. Dawn Lindsay*

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**Dawn Lindsay** - July 17, 2014 at 12:50 PM

LH

“ *Lynn Hirschauer lit a candle in memory of Dr. Harry Clement Rhodes*



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**Lynn Hirschauer** - July 17, 2014 at 10:47 AM

JE

“ *In Harry's death, I've lost a dear friend and mentor of fifty years. When I was hired to the faculty of Anne Arundel Community College, Dr. Rhodes was dean of the then-new college and a figure of great respect, even awe. He was a schoolman of the classic mold, carrying into the shaping of a new institution all his past experience as teacher and superintendent. From day one, I loved his natural dignity and sense of deep responsibility for shaping a group of independent teachers into a "collegium," a community that shared in the most important decision-making about the College's academic policies and instructional program. And, as a native Marylander, I loved his grand Eastern Shoreman's drawl. Our friendship (always based on mutual respect), developed across the years and as Harry decided that, indeed, I shared his values and his dedication to AACC. And when, after his retirement, I served the College in his old position, my dear old mentor came to mind almost daily as I tried to maintain and augment the institution that was, in many ways, "the College that Harry built."  
*God bless God rest this fine man, one of nature's noblemen.**

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**James Atwell, Vice President Emeritus** - July 17, 2014 at 10:33 AM

KH

“ *Blessing to the family and thank for sharing such a wonderful man with the college.*

*Karen Hill*

*Admissions, AACC*

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**Karen Hill** - July 17, 2014 at 09:19 AM

AH

“ We are so sorry to be out of state, and unable to personally pay respects to Dr. Rhodes and express our sympathy to his family.

*Dr. Rhodes has touched my life in many ways. He hired me as a teacher in 1966, and it was a wonderful year under his tenure as Superintendent of Schools. We worked together on the Chesterwye Board of Directors, and the Chesterwye Foundation. It was a pleasure to be with him at the Retired Teachers affairs.*

*He stated, in my presence, that he and Mrs. Rhodes decided to do all they could for youth when they realized they would not have children of their own. Their work for the Boy Scouts has been noted. Dr. and Mrs. Rhodes chose to help those who can not help themselves - the clients of Chesterwye. It was pure joy to see him interact with the clients, and to hear them call out to "Doc". They surely did "all they could".*

*Not one of us knows exactly the magnitude of his contributions to all the citizens of Queen Anne's County, and beyond. Even if one did know him, they were the recipients of his time and support in one way or another.*

*Never truer than now, John Donne's words ring out -*

*"...any man's death diminishes me, because I am involved with mankind, and therefore never send to know for whom the bell tolls; it tolls for thee."*

*We are all diminished.*

*Old Friend, rest in peace beside your beloved.*

*Ava Honeycutt*

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**Ava Honeycutt** - July 17, 2014 at 09:03 AM

BJ

“ *Brandy & Delaney Jewell lit a candle in memory of Dr. Harry Clement Rhodes*



Brandy & Delaney Jewell - July 17, 2014 at 06:14 AM

TC

“ *Thomas & Dora Clark lit a candle in memory of Dr. Harry Clement Rhodes*



Thomas & Dora Clark - July 16, 2014 at 07:41 PM

DF

“ *DAVE & JUDY WENCK & FAMILY lit a candle in memory of Dr. Harry Clement Rhodes*



DAVE & JUDY WENCK & FAMILY - July 16, 2014 at 01:16 PM

KD

“ *Our sincerest condolences to the entire family. Dr. Rhodes gave so much and made this community a better place to live, work and learn. Surely a role model for all who strive to give back to the community. He will be missed.*

*Nick and Kathy Deoudes*

Kathy Deoudes - July 16, 2014 at 12:25 PM



“ *Our sincere condolences to the Rhodes family. He was a great friend to my Poppop Ernest Smith. In fact when my Poppop started hospice care, the priest came to his house to visit and Poppops only concern was that he wanted to know how Harry Rhodes was doing. They used to joke and swap WWII stories, and were great old friends from St Peters church. Im sure they are having a good ol time in heaven together.*

*Love and Prayers from The Smith Family*



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**Margie Hannawald** - July 16, 2014 at 07:49 AM



“ *Jenn Warner lit a candle in memory of Dr. Harry Clement Rhodes*



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**Jenn Warner** - July 15, 2014 at 07:05 PM



“ *Gene And Lynda Palmatary sent a virtual gift in memory of Dr. Harry Clement Rhodes*



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**Gene and Lynda Palmatary** - July 15, 2014 at 06:25 PM

GP

*What a wonderful gentleman Queen Anne's County has lost. He will surely be missed and we know he is keeping things in line in heaven. We were so glad to have had him in our life and learned many things from him over the years. Dr. Rhodes Rest in Peace and your love for others will never be forgotten. Gene and Lynda Palmatary*

**Gene and Lynda Palmatary** - July 15, 2014 at 06:28 PM

MH

“ *The loss of Dr. Harry Clement Rhodes will be felt far and wide. He was such an asset to the community and a pleasure to know. Heaven has another angel now. May he rest in peace and may God Bless the family. Martha & Royce Herman*



**Martha (Roe) & Royce Herman** - July 15, 2014 at 05:48 PM

LC

“ *Linda And Lee Callaway lit a candle in memory of Dr. Harry Clement Rhodes*



**Linda and Lee Callaway** - July 15, 2014 at 05:07 PM

BV

“ *It was a privilege to have known Dr. Rhodes. His contributions to education were beyond measure. When we honored him at Pride of the Peake he was humble and generous, an irreverent story teller. He enriched all our lives, and by helping to found Chesapeake College, the lives of generations to come. We will miss him. Barbara Viniar*

**barbara viniar** - July 15, 2014 at 04:46 PM

SL

“ I am so sorry for your loss. The death of a loved one is the most difficult thing we deal with. I wanted to take this time to express my condolences to you for your loss. May you find comfort from Jehovah God's word the Bible. (Psalms 83:18) The Bible promises: "there is going to be a resurrection of both the righteous and the unrighteous." (Acts 24:15) Jehovah God assures us that our dear dead loved ones will receive a resurrection to a restored beautiful paradise earth. (Isaiah 65:21,22) The Bible also promises: "And the last enemy, death, is to be brought to nothing." (1Corinthians 15:26) Death will be removed from all the earth. Tears of sorrow will vanish. (Revelation 21:4) No one will die from natural causes or weep. These care promises that will soon be a reality. The Bible says: "It is impossible for God to lie." (Hebrews 6:18) May you find comfort from these promises. And may Jehovah God of all comfort be with you. (2Corinthians 1:3,4)

*For more encouragement please visit [www.Jw.org](http://www.Jw.org).*

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**sherries lee** - July 15, 2014 at 04:11 PM

TC

“ Tom And Shosh Callahan lit a candle in memory of Dr. Harry Clement Rhodes



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**Tom and Shosh Callahan** - July 15, 2014 at 02:51 PM

BC

“ *Bobby And Lori Collier lit a candle in memory  
of Dr. Harry Clement Rhodes*



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**Bobby and Lori Collier** - July 15, 2014 at 12:49 PM

“ Memories... there are so many. I loved hearing the story of how he met Aunt Elizabeth at the Martin’s barn dance...or was that Creighton? She had him going. So much love shown and shared. The story of stocking the ship with steaks before heading out to sea to sweep for mines. Don’t ask him to speak if you really didn’t want him to! Always ready to offer the best advice anyone can give. As a child there would be the long long drives from Barnesville to Queenstown, “Are we there yet?” Summer vacations with all our Jones cousins at Little Bowlingly; the boys got to sleep on the porch. The special visits at Christmastime; when they drove in the driveway the squeals, “Aunt Elizabeth and Uncle Harry are here!” could be heard all over town. The excitement of checking the bag to see if there was a present for you; one time I got sparklers! We children would climb all over Uncle Harry...How did he stand it? And if a deck of cards could be found, Slap Jack, was the game; the younger his opponent the better and the laughter as we all watched. The potty breaks on the way to and from OC. His wonderful heartfelt advice, so knowledgeable: we pass one of those advices to all the students we know: “Go to community college first, figure out what it is you want to do in life, then to the university. In community college you get to know your professors, and they know you, they care and you can save your dollars; in the large university you just might get lost in the crowd and the cost is more than double! Plus, a high school graduate most likely doesn’t know the path he/she wants to take.” Memories, yes, I have many. He and Aunt Elizabeth would never miss a party, to matter the distance or celebration. He even drove me off to college one summer for a business course; the cooler packed with sandwiches and sodas, and we took the back roads all the way! “Missed – transitive verb - to discover absence of somebody or something - to realize that a person or thing is not present at the expected time or in the expected place.” We shall miss Uncle Harry; we are indeed blessed to have had the advantage and privilege to call him Uncle. Our lives would have been so incomplete had we not had (Aunt Elizabeth and) Uncle Harry! AMEN

*With love, tears, and memories,  
Niece Jane Price Parsley and Jim.  
(#1 daughter in Ida Lutz Jones "Little Prices" clan of 10)*

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**D Jane Price Parsley** - July 15, 2014 at 12:29 PM

JE

“ *Jim & Mary Ann Edwards lit a candle in  
memory of Dr. Harry Clement Rhodes*



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**Jim & Mary Ann Edwards** - July 15, 2014 at 11:31 AM

JE

*I remember many good times with Dr.and Mrs.Rhodes at the bank get  
togethers.They were so sweet together and good to each other.We will  
miss Dr.Rhodes,but I know he will be happy to see his lovely  
wife.Farewell Dr. Rhodes and rest in peace.Mary Ann and Jim  
Edwards*

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**Jim & Mary Ann Edwards** - July 15, 2014 at 11:41 AM

JP

“ Growing up in Queenstown was a unique experience, growing up next to Dr. Harry and Ms. Creighton an added bonus. Having no children of their own they embraced all of us kids and we are all better people for having known them. There are so many memories I would not know where to start. The one that stands out the most and I cherish is receiving a birthday card every year, and after Royden and I were married, a card on our anniversary. This tradition was continued by Dr. Harry even after Ms. Creighton passed away, including this very year. Dr. Harry I am going to miss you. Every beautiful Queenstown Creek sunset will be a tribute to what a wonderful friend and neighbor you have been. Be at peace as you are reunited with your beloved wife and neighbors. I am betting we are going to see some awesome sunsets to come.

Love,  
JoAnn

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JoAnn & Royden Powell - July 15, 2014 at 10:06 AM

MI

“ Ever since I was a kid, I remember a unit known as Uncle Harry and Aunt Elizabeth. Growing up, I can never remember saying or hearing one name without the other. He always said that his marriage was always wonderful and that fact was attributed to giving his bride a kiss goodnight, every night. Of course his marriage was wonderful because of the love that he and Aunt Elizabeth shared. As sad as it is to have him leave, I think it is very complete for them to be together once again. I thank God for His mercy, love, and grace which was given all through Jesus Christ and I thank God that Uncle Harry and Aunt Elizabeth were an example to me as to what the love between a husband and wife can and should look like.

*Love to all and praying that God will bring everyone closer to Himself through this.*

*Mike, Vanessa, Victoria, Elizabeth, and Mikey*

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**Mike** - July 15, 2014 at 09:58 AM

KB

“ Kathy Bankard lit a candle in memory of Dr. Harry Clement Rhodes



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**Kathy Bankard** - July 15, 2014 at 08:23 AM

MM

“ I will certainly miss seeing his smiling face. Dr. Rhodes always had a great story to tell. He will surely be missed by many, many people.



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**Megan Messix** - July 15, 2014 at 08:18 AM

JA

“ Rhodes family- Mr. Harry was certainly a man of many accomplishments of which we are all so very proud. It gives me great pleasure to have grown up next door to him and that my family has remained his neighbor even after my parents died. I am blessed to have known him as an ordinary man! He loved his family, his church, the Town of Queenstown, white squirrels, telling stories, taking pride in his home, and this list could go on and on. I cannot think of a child growing up in Queenstown that would not have visited his home- whether it be to get some guidance, attend a cub scout meeting in the garage of the house, or to get an ice cream cone after the beautiful fireworks display that light up our precious creek every August. Yes, we will miss him, but we also must pass on what we have learned from him. We must mentor our youth, make a difference in the lives of others, and always be willing to learn. And..... Tommy and Billy Rhodes MUST dip ice cream cones after the fireworks on August 22, 2014. Love to you all!

Jane

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**Jane Anthony** - July 15, 2014 at 07:59 AM

DC

“ *David And June Clark lit a candle in memory of Dr. Harry Clement Rhodes*



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**David and June Clark** - July 14, 2014 at 07:04 PM

DC

*Q. A County and Queenstown have loss one our citizen who will surely be missed by everyone who knew him. our thoughts and prayers are with his family.*

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**David and June Clark** - July 14, 2014 at 07:07 PM

KP

“ *Uncle Harry,*

*You will be missed by your family and the community you so generously shared you time, talent and treasure with. May you rest in eternal peace in the comfort of the Lord.*

*Mike and Kathy Price Family*

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**Kathy Price** - July 14, 2014 at 06:45 PM

BC

“ *Uncle Harry,*

*I am going to miss my visits with you on my way through Queenstown.*

*We have lost one of the best. Our Hearts are heavy. Rest in Peace with Aunt Elizabeth.*

*Love*

*Buddy Clark and Family*



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**Buddy Clark** - July 14, 2014 at 06:36 PM

JC

“ *Uncle Harry, Our hearts are saddened. Now you are with Elizabeth and at peace.*

*Jimmy and Jennifer Chesley*

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**Jim Chesley** - July 14, 2014 at 06:22 PM

PW

“ *From the Board, medical staff and employees of Shore Regional Health and particularly from the hospital in Easton where Dr. Rhodes served on the Board of Directors-- our deep sympathy to the family. He was a brilliant and down to earth man, a gem in our regional community. His passing marks nearly a century of service and commitment to the community and we will miss his leadership.*

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**Patti Willis** - July 14, 2014 at 05:13 PM

JA

“ *Judy, Don, And Andy Adkins lit a candle in memory of Dr. Harry Clement Rhodes*



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**Judy, Don, and Andy Adkins** - July 14, 2014 at 05:09 PM

LB

“ *Linda Tuel Bennett lit a candle in memory of Dr. Harry Clement Rhodes*



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**Linda Tuel Bennett** - July 14, 2014 at 04:32 PM

LB

*oh my so sad Queenstown will never be the same.loved this man he was so nice to every body. RIP*

Linda Tuel Bennett - July 14, 2014 at 04:34 PM

KL

“ *Thinking of you all at this difficult time.*



Kerry Legg - July 14, 2014 at 02:52 PM

DJ

“ *David E Wenck Jr lit a candle in memory of Dr. Harry Clement Rhodes*



David E Wenck jr - July 14, 2014 at 02:49 PM

FW

“ *Frederick Wildt lit a candle in memory of Dr. Harry Clement Rhodes*



frederick wildt - July 14, 2014 at 02:48 PM

DP

“ *Doug Pierson lit a candle in memory of Dr. Harry Clement Rhodes*



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**Doug Pierson** - July 14, 2014 at 02:00 PM

JV

*The Directors, Officers and Employees of the Queenstown Bank of Maryland send our most sincere condolences to the Rhodes family.*

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**Judy Vera** - July 14, 2014 at 02:38 PM