



John Nelson Blades, Sr.

June 30, 1933 - September 29, 2009

John Nelson Blades, Sr. of Seaford, Delaware died peacefully at his daughter's home on September 29, 2009. He was 76 years old.

Born in Bethlehem, MD on June 30, 1933, he was the son of the late, George N. Blades and Mary Blades Pritchard. Mr. Blades attended Preston School through the eighth grade and graduated from Easton High School in 1952. He was employed by Waverly Press in Easton in 1952 and continued working there until 1987, when he retired.

Mr. Blades had become a well-known carver of waterfowl and birds and derived his livelihood from this profession until the time of his death. His carvings sold all over the United States and also in Europe and Japan. The Japanese were especially fond of his work. He began carving by studying with Ed and Esther Burns of Bozman, and later with world champion carver, Mr. Jim Sprankle. Mr. Paul Marshall of Smith Island, a personal friend, also had a great deal of influence on his work. Mr. Blades was an exhibitor at the Waterfowl Festival in Easton for many years and enjoyed it very much. He was a member of the Concord United Methodist Church, The Academy of the Arts, The Ward Foundation, the National Wildlife Federation, the National Woodcarvers Association and Ducks Unlimited.

Mr. Blades is survived by two sons, David N. Lankford of Trappe, MD, and

John "Jack" Blades, Jr. of Lovettsville, VA; three daughters, Kathryn "Kat" Mitchell of Denton, MD, Dixie Blades of Easton, MD, and Bettse Dodge of Greensboro, MD; one brother, Mark Blades, of Florida; two sisters, Marion Eaton of Preston, MD, and Jean Chance of Denton, MD; eight grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren. His wife, Janice Betts Blades preceded him in death in 1991. His brother, Charles also preceded him in death in 2007.

Visitation will be at Fellows, Helfenbein and Newnam Funeral Home, P.A. in Easton, MD on Sunday, October 4, 2009 from 6:00 until 8:00 p.m. with services to follow on Monday, October 5 at 2:00 p.m.

Burial immediately following at Woodlawn Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Critchlow Adkins Children's Centers, P.O. Box 2950 Easton, MD 21601 (eastondaycare.org) and/or the Academy Art Museum, 106 South Street Easton, MD 21601 in John's name in honor of his love for children and his art.

Tribute Wall



“ *John Nelson Blades, Sr.*

October 26, 2023 at 06:42 PM



“ *John Nelson Blades, Sr.*

January 28, 2023 at 12:44 PM



“ *John Nelson Blades, Sr.*

January 28, 2023 at 08:03 AM



“ *Just learned of Johns passing. I know his soul has return to where it came. Happy to have led him to be baptized. John was too sweet.*
Nan

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“ To the family and friends of, John Nelson Blades, Sr. I am so sorry to hear of your loss, please accept my sincerest condolences. We all know that death is something that plagues all of mankind, no matter our race or age. However, I found it comforting to know that God has provided a way to remedy this world-wide epidemic. The scriptures found at Isaiah 25:8 and Acts 24:15 promise that not only will Jehovah God swallow up our enemy death in the future, but that we will be able to see the ones we have loss once again. We all are looking forward to that day when we will be able to touch our dear one's face again, but until then may these scriptures help you draw comfort in your time of deep sorrow.##imported-begin##Ms. Heck##imported-end##

October 24, 2009 at 01:33 PM



“ Bettse, Dixie, Jack, Kat, and David, Please know that I offer my most sincere sympathy for your father's passing. All of you and your families are in my prayers.

Norma Lee##imported-begin##Norma Lee Todd##imported-end##

October 08, 2009 at 10:12 AM



“ David, Kat, Jack, Dixie, Bettse
I know you already know your Father was a remarkable person. So I will just say I He was one of the sweetest and talented people I have ever known. Your Mother and Father truly made a difference in my life. Love Rosie

They taught me a lot.##imported-begin##Rose Miles##imported-end##

October 05, 2009 at 01:16 PM



“ Goodby, John, see you later in heaven##imported-begin##joseph f koehlerjfkrams@##imported-end##

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“ Friends and Family - Please join us for a reception at the home of John's daughter Dixie after the burial on Monday. The address is 7213 Fir Street, Easton, MD. Ph. 410.822.4220##imported-begin##Heather Grant##imported-end##

September 30, 2009 at 05:47 PM