



Walter "Dusty" Edgar Rhodes Jr.

April 17, 1924 - September 12, 2015

Walter E. "Dusty" Rhodes, Jr., of Chester, MD, died Saturday, September 12, 2015, at UMSMC at Easton. He was 91.

Born in Baltimore, MD on April 17, 1924, he was the son of Walter Edgar Rhodes, Sr., and Effie Anderson Rhodes. He grew up in Baltimore where he graduated from Baltimore Poly Tech High School, Class of 1942. Mr. Rhodes enlisted in the U.S. Army Air Corps and served as an Aviation Cadet and later on in the Air Transport Command. He served as a Flight Traffic Clerk (in charge of cabin). Mr. Rhodes crossed the Atlantic Ocean 70 times (35 round trips) to supply mail, spare parts, transport wounded, and special dignitaries. When the war ended, he returned to go to college at University of Maryland and in February 1951, he graduated with a B.S. and started working for Westinghouse. Mr. Rhodes worked until 1989 when he retired after 38 years as a Printed Circuit Designer.

On June 5, 1954, he married Jane E. Brohawn. She predeceased him in November 1994. On April 5, 1997, he married Virginia Ruth Mitter Cooper.

Mr. Rhodes was very active in the Kent Island United Methodist Church, the Saturday Morning Men's Breakfast, Stephen's Ministry for 15 years, and many other offices. He was an active member of Americorp, and Volunteer Maryland in connection with Queen Anne's County Schools system. Mr. Rhodes helped

in the media center at Stevensville Middle School and built shelves in many of the schools in Queen Anne's County. He was a past member of Centreville Masonic Lodge #180 AF & AM, a board member of Hospice of Queen Anne's, a board member of American Cancer Society, and active in the Kent Island Cancer Support Group "Carry On."

In addition to his wife, Mr. Rhodes is survived by a son, Walter E. Rhodes, III, and his wife, Elizabeth, of Bend, OR; a daughter, Nanlee Taylor and her husband, Mike, of Chester, MD; a stepson, Douglas Egolf of Queenstown, MD; three stepdaughters, Deborah Marriner of Woodbridge, VA, Donna Parham of Keymar, MD, and Deanna Smith of Easton, MD; one granddaughter, Holland Jane Rhodes of Bend, OR; five step grandchildren and eight step great-grandchildren. He is predeceased by a sister, Nancy Lee Rhodes Roberts.

A memorial service will be held at Kent Island United Methodist Church in Chester, MD, on Saturday, September 19 at 2 p.m.

Contributions may be made to Kent Island United Methodist Church, 2739 Cox Neck Road, Chester, MD 21619.

Tribute Wall



“ *Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Walter "Dusty" Edgar Rhodes Jr.*



Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home - September 16, 2015 at 10:29 AM



“ *Walter "Dusty" Edgar Rhodes Jr.*

January 28, 2023 at 12:44 PM



“ *Walter "Dusty" Edgar Rhodes Jr.*

January 28, 2023 at 08:03 AM



“ *Diana Harmon lit a candle in memory of Walter "Dusty" Edgar Rhodes Jr.*



Diana Harmon - September 17, 2015 at 03:49 PM

BK

“ *Walter and family, So sorry to hear about your dad! Thinking of you and wishing you comfort. Billie Jo (Carter) Kreps*

Billie Jo Kreps - September 16, 2015 at 07:41 PM

CW

“ *Awwww Walt, NanLee, Mrs. Rhodes and families, I am so sorry to learn of the loss of your dad. I have such fond memories of our early days at KIUMC and am so glad to have had the gift of true family fellowship growing up. He was always a favorite of mine, with a kind word and a warm smile. Please accept my sincere sympathy and know I am sending prayers of love and friendship to you all. xo*

Christy Ward - September 14, 2015 at 01:26 PM

CW

“ *Christy Ward lit a candle in memory of Walter "Dusty" Edgar Rhodes Jr.*



Christy Ward - September 14, 2015 at 01:21 PM

TS

“ *Tracy Schulz lit a candle in memory of Walter "Dusty" Edgar Rhodes Jr.*



Tracy Schulz - September 14, 2015 at 11:19 AM

BH

“ *Betsy Hamilton lit a candle in memory of
Walter "Dusty" Edgar Rhodes Jr.*



Betsy Hamilton - September 14, 2015 at 09:34 AM