

## William Hearon Buttrill

September 16, 1917 - March 5, 2017

William Hearon Buttrill, Sr., passed away on March 5, 2017, at his home in Sudlersville, MD, at the age of 99. He was born September 16, 1917, in Krum (Denton County), TX.

He was predeceased by his wife of 57 years, Jane Elizabeth (Headlee) Buttrill and is survived by his devoted second wife, Chantra "Ying" Buttrill. He is also survived by his three sons and three daughters: Bill (Joy) Buttrill, Judy (Ted) Patnaude, Nancy Chambers, Wally Buttrill, Walt (Marti) Buttrill, and Sabie Carey.

In addition he is survived by 14 grandchildren: Bill (Cindy), Andrew (Robin), and Michael (Caroline) Buttrill; David (Brenda) Patnaude and Suzanne (Randy) Vel; Jason Chambers; Matthew (Sally), Joe and Dan Buttrill; Tim (Crystal) and Lindsay Buttrill; Willis (Michaela) Brennan and Katie and Margo Carey. There are also 16 great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandson.

He was a Texan at heart, loving farming, animals, and the great outdoors. After graduating from North Texas State University, he married Jane in 1940. Always ready for new adventures, Hearon and Jane went by train to Washington, DC, where he worked for the U.S. Census Bureau. A little over a year later with one son in tow, they moved to Annapolis, MD, to work for the Naval Research Station where he picked up the nickname "Tex." After four

years there, they wanted to see more of the U.S. and, with two young children, moved to Wyoming to work for the Bureau of Mines. Texas kept calling them back, and they returned to Texas to Jane's hometown where the next two children were born.

They soon realized that the greatest opportunity for success was in the Washington, DC/Annapolis, MD area. They returned to Annapolis, and he spent the balance of his career there -- working for the Naval Research Station again and then the Department of Agriculture in Beltsville, MD, and Washington, DC. He retired in 1980 after 35 years of government service.

In retirement, Hearon took up flying and earned his pilot's license and bought his own plane. He and Jane flew around the country attending Flying Farmers conventions from Oshkosh, WI, to Lake Winnepesaukee, NH. Hearon was also very active in the Sudlersville Lions Club and received the Melvin Jones Fellow Award. The award represents outstanding and dedicated service to the community and Lions International. He was also active in the Sudlersville Ruritans.

Several years after Jane passed away in 1998, he met Ying and travelled to her native Thailand, spending a month there to get to know her family and culture. Hearon and Ying married in 2007 and made their home on the Eastern Shore of Maryland in Sudlersville thoroughly enjoying the rural lifestyle and farming community. Friends, neighbors, and family looked forward each year to the strawberry and blueberry harvests at the Buttrills.

They were equally supportive of each other -- Hearon taking her to driving school, tutoring in English, and helping her prepare for her nursing exam in the U.S. and Ying taking care of Hearon. She was able to re-establish her credentials as a Surgical Nurse and worked in Baltimore and at Chestertown Hospital.

A Funeral Service will be held on Saturday, March 11, at the Sudlersville United Methodist Church, 103 N Church St, Sudlersville, MD. Visitation begins at 1:00 p.m. with the Funeral Service at 3:00 p.m. Following interment at the Sudlersville Cemetery, friends and family are invited back to the Sudlersville United Methodist Church for refreshments.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that memorial donations be sent to Sudlersville United Methodist Church.

# Cemetery Details

## Sudlersville Cemetery

Sudlersville, MD

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR 11. 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

Calvary-Asbury United Methodist Church  
103 N. Church St.  
Sudlersville, MD

## Service

MAR 11. 3:00 PM (ET)

Calvary-Asbury United Methodist Church  
103 N. Church St.  
Sudlersville, MD

# Tribute Wall



“ *Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of William Hearon Buttrill*



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**Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home** - March 10, 2017 at 09:10 AM



“ *William Hearon Buttrill*

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October 26, 2023 at 06:42 PM



“ *William Hearon Buttrill*

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January 28, 2023 at 12:44 PM



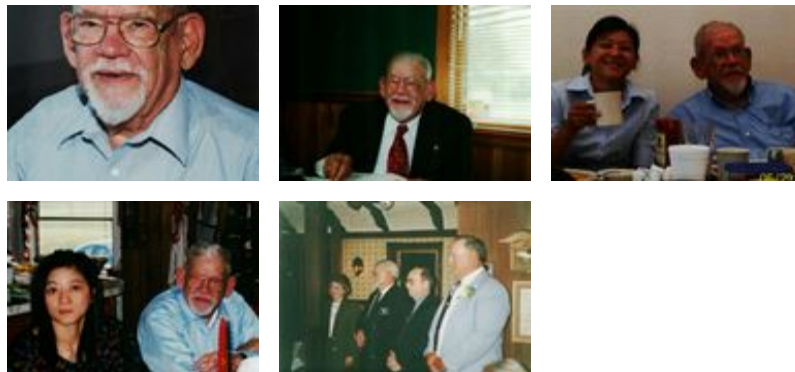
“ *William Hearon Buttrill*

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January 28, 2023 at 08:03 AM



“ 45 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



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**Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home** - March 10, 2017 at 08:31 AM

JE

“ Nancy,  
*Although I did not know your Dad, I am sorry to hear of his passing.  
It sounds like he had a rich and interesting life! My thoughts and  
prayers to you and your family.*  
Jan Edwards

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**Jannice Edwards** - March 09, 2017 at 11:43 AM

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“ *Our sincere sympathy to Ying and the Buttrill  
Family.*  
Spencer and Barbara Everett



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**Spencer & Barbara Everett** - March 07, 2017 at 08:33 AM

RJ

“ *Rita Jackson lit a candle in memory of William Hearon Buttrill*



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**Rita Jackson** - March 06, 2017 at 02:29 PM