



William Newnam

February 9, 2007

William “Mudd” Newnam passed away at his home, York Hazzard Farm, on Friday, February 9, 2007. He was 77 years old. Born May 8, 1929 in Neavitt, MD, he was the son of the late George Cleveland Newnam and Florence Camper Newnam.

Billy, as he was called by some, spent his early years in the village of Neavitt. You could see Mudd and his brothers, sisters & family hanging out at Hope Jones Store, catching up on the daily news & gossip. During his younger years, Mudd worked with his father & brothers on the threshing machines and on the water oystering and crabbing. He later derived his nickname, “Mudd” from working on the water.

He and his family moved to St. Michaels when he was about 13 years old. He continued to work with his father and brothers earning a living working on the water.

He began learning the trade of masonry from his brother-in-law, Elwood Harrison, and continued this trade until he retired in 2004. He was responsible for much of the historical brickwork restoration in the town of St. Michaels, particularly at the Maritime Museum.

He met and married the love of his life, “Bunk” Bobbie Leonard on January 23,

1951. They settled in St. Michaels had three children, Robert Leonard Newnam, Thomas William Newnam, and Kimberly Newnam Hopkins.

Mudd continued to work as a mason with Tyler of Cambridge and later formed his own company Newnam & Sons. In the early years of his company, his sons, Robbie and then Tommy, worked along side of their father.

Throughout his life, Mudd enjoyed waterfowl hunting and began his own commercial guide service from the 1960's to the 1970's. He could always be seen somewhere in town telling his stories of his many experiences in the Bay Hundred area.

For over a decade he served as a little league baseball coach, leading the St. Michaels Rotary team to several championships. He always enjoyed children and was apparent when you could see him with the team in his old station wagon.

Mudd became somewhat of a town historian. His love of the Bay Hundred area came through in the many stories he would share with whoever would listen. He became so good at telling his tales that at one time the Maritime Museum asked him to talk to the tourists visiting the museum.

Mudd is preceded in death by his brothers, Samuel Lee, Addison Camper, and George Cleveland, and sisters, Nannie Belle, Sarah Josephine (Toodles) and Flora Doris.

In addition to his wife and children, he is survived by his sister Eunice Virginia Habicht of Timonium; grandchildren, Robert Hardy, Patricia Burke, Camper Newnam, Ashley Hopkins, Elizabeth Newnam, Kathryn Hill, Tim Wright, Raymond Santee, Matt Santee, Michael Santee and Jeff Santee; and great-grandchildren, Robert Hardy, Austin Bruno, Delia Hill, and Sage Hill.

Services will be held on Saturday, February 17, at Christ Episcopal Church on Willow St., St. Michaels, Maryland at 11:00 AM. Friends may call on Friday evening from 6 to 8 PM at Fellows, Helfenbein and Newnam Funeral Home, P. A., Easton.

Burial will be private.

Friends are welcome to join the family after the service for fellowship at Etherton Hall in the church parish hall, across the street from the church.

Memorial donations may be made to St. Michaels Little League, 933 South Talbot Street, Suite 9, St. Michaels, MD 21624.

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