



William J. Emerson

September 5, 1916 - October 7, 2009

William Jeremiah Emerson of Church Hill, MD, died at home on Wednesday, October 7, 2009. He was 93.

Born September 5, 1916 in Centreville on the Little Eagle Farm, he was the son of the late, William H. and Margaret McDonnell Emerson.

He married the former, Margaret Addline Dill on May 29, 1943. In 1933 he joined the Civilian Conservation Corps where he remained until 1937. He served in the United States Merchant Marines-Department of Commerce from 1938-1945. He farmed in Queen Anne's County from 1945- 1958. He then joined the Merchant Marines again in 1958 where he served until his retirement in 1975.

Since his retirement he enjoyed gardening and selling produce at his home. He also enjoyed weekly Wednesday visits to Dixon's Sale Barn in Crumpton.

Mr. Emerson is survived by two sons, Edward H. Emerson and his wife, Diann of Church Hill, MD and William J. Emerson of Washington State; one granddaughter, Heather Emerson-Phillips and her husband, Jason Phillips. He was preceded in death by his wife, Margaret A. Emerson; a brother, Louis M. Emerson and two sisters, Mary Zelenka and Agnes Emerson.

A Funeral Mass will be held at Mother of Sorrows Catholic Church, Centreville on Monday, October 12, 2009 at 10:30 AM.

Friends may call at the Fellows, Helfenbein and Newnam Funeral Home, P. A., Centreville, MD from 4 – 6 on Sunday, October 11, 2009.

Pallbearers are Paul Zelenka, William Zelenka, Daniel Philips, Gary Roberts, Jason Phillips and Frank Hurley. Honorary pallbearer is Louis Emerson.

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

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests donations to Chester River Home Care and Hospice, 6602 Church Hill Road, Chestertown, MD 21620.

Previous Events

Service

OCT **12**. 10:30 AM (ET)

Our Mother of Sorrows Church
303 Chesterfield Avenue
Centreville, MD

Tribute Wall



“ *William J. Emerson*

October 26, 2023 at 06:42 PM



“ *William J. Emerson*

January 28, 2023 at 12:44 PM



“ *William J. Emerson*

January 28, 2023 at 08:03 AM



“ *Eddie and Billy and family,
Your Dad and my Dad were great friends and neighbors for years. Sadly they suffered and loss their final battle with the same horrible disease. I fondly remember visits across the road to your farm on Hope Rd. Of course I too visited the produce stand as much to visit as to get fresh produce. Mr Bill was surely one of "grand ole gentlemen" and I will remember him fondly everyday I pass his lovely log home on my way to work. Try to focus on the great memories with your Mom and Dad and not his final days. It is not who he was. It is not who my Dad was. I will be thinking of you all.##imported-begin##Kay Blunt Melvin##imported-end##*

December 01, 2009 at 08:44 PM



“ To the family and friends of William J. Emerson, please accept my sincere condolences in your time of sorrow. May the following words from God’s Word offer you a measure of comfort and hope for the future: At John 5:28, 29, Jesus reveals, “Do not marvel at this, because the hour is coming in which all those in the memorial tombs will hear his voice and come out.” Until this time, may this scriptural hope for the future serve to comfort and strengthen you in the days ahead.

Sorrowfully submitted, Ms. Weston##imported-begin##"Bea"
Weston##imported-end##

October 21, 2009 at 07:53 AM



“ Heather...you are in my thoughts and prayers. Stay strong..Love ya~ Katie Cole Davis~##imported-begin##Katie Davie##imported-end##

October 10, 2009 at 07:39 PM



“ Eddie and family: Our sincere thoughts and prayers are with you in the loss of your dad. Will always remember him when growing up in Centreville Heights. We know you have many fond memories of him that will be cherished for many years to come. God Bless each and everyone. Gene and Lynda Palmatary##imported-begin##lynda h. palmatary##imported-end##

October 08, 2009 at 07:30 PM



“ Diann - I am sorry to hear about the death of your father-in-law, but I know he had a long battle with Dementia and it is time for him to rest. He and my Dad share the same birthday other than one Dad is one year younger. I enjoyed our conversations about caregiving- the frustration, the sleepless nights, the second guessing if we are doing the right thing, the humorus antics, etc., etc. Time for all of you to take a little rest too. Take care and know that your family, including "school teacher", are in my thoughts.

Jane Anthony###imported-begin##Jane Anthony###imported-end##

October 08, 2009 at 03:11 PM