



## William Lee Morris (Duke)

August 16, 1924 - November 4, 2010

William Lee Morris (Duke) of Centreville departed this life on Thursday, November 4, 2010. He passed away at his daughter's home surrounded by his loving family. He was 86 years old.

Duke was born on August 16, 1924 in Starr, Maryland. After attending school he enlisted in the Army Air Corp. During this time he met Doris Conley who he married in 1947. Duke and Doris made their home in the Centreville area where they raised their three children. Duke farmed in the county for many years before he began working for E.H. Jewell. For 15 years he and his wife owned and operated the D&D Dairy Bar in Centreville. Eventually, Duke established his own excavating business, DWD Backhoe Service. After retiring, Duke enjoyed building trailers, dancing, joining his friends for coffee at Hardees, and tinkering in his barn. Most of all, Duke loved spending time and playing with his grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Duke is survived by his son, Wayne Morris and his wife Theresa of Queen Anne, two daughters, Brenda Morris-Dadds and her husband Andy of Centreville, and Tracy Grahmer of Church Hill. He is also survived by six grandchildren, Kelly Shannon, and her husband Steve, Diana Albers, and her husband Matt, Brian Morris, and his wife Laura, Jaime Coxon and her husband Billy, Hunter Grahmer and Holton Grahmer; four great-grandchildren, Kimberly and Colin Shannon, Katelyn Morris, and Will Coxon.

He is also survived by a special friend, Rose Greason and a very devoted nephew, Dennis Starkey. Mr. Morris was preceded in death by his wife, Doris Conley Morris and a granddaughter, Kimberly Ann Morris.

A funeral service will be held on Tuesday, November 9, 2010 at 11am at Fellows, Helfenbein and Newman Funeral Home, P.A., 408 South Liberty Street, Centreville, MD where family and friends may call on Monday, November 8, 2010 from 2-4pm and 6-8pm.

Burial will be in Woodlawn Memorial Park.

Contributions may be made to Hospice of Queen Anne Inc., 255 Comet Drive, Centreville, MD 21617

# Tribute Wall



“ *Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of William Lee Morris (Duke)* ”



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**Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home** - November 04, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ *William Lee Morris (Duke)* ”

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October 26, 2023 at 06:42 PM



“ *William Lee Morris (Duke)* ”

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January 28, 2023 at 12:44 PM



“ *William Lee Morris (Duke)* ”

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January 28, 2023 at 08:03 AM



“ *Brenda, Andy and Tracy,  
We are so sorry to hear of the passing of Duke. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. You will always have great memories of him.  
With heartfelt sympathy,  
Larry and Diane Mueller##imported-begin##Larry and Diane Mueller##imported-end##*

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November 08, 2010 at 10:38 PM



“ *Dear Tracy & family - We are so sorry for your loss. I know there is sadness and tears now, but as you begin to remember and share those memories, I know there will be bittersweet smiles and laughter that will keep him alive in your hearts for always. We send our love and prayers to you all at this difficult time. Libby, Dallas, Shannon & Jaime##imported-begin##The Walls Family##imported-end##*

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November 08, 2010 at 10:30 AM



“ *Brenda & Andy, Tracy, Wayne and family.  
Thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time,  
Memories are treasures which bring joy to all when shared. You  
have given Duke a peaceful sendoff and each person joins the  
crowd on the other shore to welcome the next passenger to arrive  
The Little Ship*

*I stood watching as the little ship sailed out to sea. The setting sun  
tinted his white sails with a golden light, and as he disappeared from  
sight a voice at my side whispered, "He is gone".*

*But the sea was a narrow one. On the farther shore a little band of  
friends had gathered to watch and wait in happy expectation.  
Suddenly they caught sight of the tiny sail and, at the very moment  
when my companion had whispered, "He is gone" a glad shout went  
up in joyous welcome, "Here he comes!"###imported-begin###Paul &  
Shelly Gray###imported-end###*

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November 08, 2010 at 10:23 AM



“ *Brenda , Tracy & Andy  
Are prayers are with you !*

*Sandy & Ray###imported-begin###Sandy & Ray###imported-end###*

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November 08, 2010 at 09:53 AM



“ Dear Brenda and Andy,  
I am so sorry for your loss. I am sure that your father is at peace now. It is never easy to loose someone you love, but life does go on. My prayers are with you. God Bless both of you and your family.

Sincerely,  
Your Old Neighbor,  
Connie Otstot###imported-begin##Connie Otstot###imported-end##

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November 07, 2010 at 08:19 PM



“ Dear Trac, Brenda and Family,  
I was so sorry to hear about the passing of your Dad. I know you were a very close family and he will be missed. My thoughts and prayers are with you.

Fondly,  
Diane Ruth###imported-begin##Diane Ruth###imported-end##

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November 07, 2010 at 07:16 PM



“ Thinking of all of you and sorry for your loss.

Love Aunt dorothy###imported-begin##Dorothy V Stanton &  
Family###imported-end##

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November 07, 2010 at 11:20 AM



“ Tracy and Brenda...we and our families did a good job girls. Dads are in heaven now. It's hard...so hard, but it's going to be ok. I loved your dad. He was the best patient, and always had a good story to tell me. My thoughts and prayers are with you all during this sad time. Hang in there. Love ya!###imported-begin###Mitzi Thompson###imported-end##

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November 07, 2010 at 08:18 AM



“ Tracy and Family, We are certainly thinking about you at this difficult time. Cherish all the memories you have.###imported-begin###Jeff & Tracy Whitzel###imported-end##

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November 06, 2010 at 10:01 PM



“ Tracy, Brenda & Family,  
I'm so saddened by your Dad's death. He was truly one of the greatest and never failed to bring a smile to my face when we would see each other. As a few of us fondly knew him, "Dippy" was one of a kind and had a laugh that will always be unforgettable. I'm sure Doris is filling him in on lots of shenanigans about now! I hope your wonderful memories help see you through this difficult time.  
Love, Laurie, Caroline, and Steven Kimbles###imported-begin###Laurie Kimbles###imported-end##

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November 06, 2010 at 06:32 PM



“ Dear Wayne and Family; We are so sorry to learn of your Father's passing. Another of Queen Anne's County finest has left us. We hope the wonderful memories you have will help sustain you in the difficult weeks ahead. What a blessing it is he was able to enjoy those great-grand babies. We send you lots of love and a warm hug. Take care. Peg & John Chlada###imported-begin###Peg & John Chlada###imported-end##

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November 06, 2010 at 01:03 PM



“ To the Morris family: Our thoughts and prayers are with your family now and in the days to come. Our community has lost another good man. Keep those good memories close to your heart. Warm Regards, JoAnn & Royden Powell.###imported-begin###JoAnn/Royden Powell###imported-end##

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November 06, 2010 at 12:00 PM



“ Uncle Duke was a wonderful man. I remember how he and Aunt Doris would come every other year to KY to visit us with Mom Mom and Pop Pop. They would come and pick me up from school and I would run to the car! He will be extremely missed by many here in KY who loved him dearly. Until God calls us all home to be with him, we love and miss you Uncle Duke. Love from all your KY nephews and nieces..###imported-begin###April Durbin###imported-end##

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November 06, 2010 at 10:53 AM



“ Dear Brenda and all,  
We were truly saddened to hear that "Duke" had passed away. He will be missed by your entire family and all of the people that knew and respected him. God bless you all  
John and Cathy Gannon  
Dillwyn, VA###imported-begin##John and Cathy Gannon###imported-end##

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November 06, 2010 at 10:01 AM



“ To the Morris Family: Our deepest sympathy and prayers are with you in the loss of Mr. Duke. What a wonderful, father, grandfather and great-grandfather he was. He surely loved his family and will be missed by many. He always had that smile and will always be remembered. May God give you the strength and love to face each new day. God Bless. Gene and Lynda Palmatary###imported-begin##Lynda Palmatary###imported-end##

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November 05, 2010 at 08:08 PM



“ To the Loving and Devoted Family of Duke Morris. Please know that you are in our thoughts and prayers as you mourn the loss of such a wonderful man. Mr. Duke Morris was "salt of the earth" and adored by so many. His children and grandchildren are a testimony to the fine person that he was and will always be remembered as. May your beautiful memories bring you comfort and solace in the days to come. With heart felt sympathy, Billy and Rhonda Knotts###imported-begin##Billy & Rhonda Knotts###imported-end##

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November 05, 2010 at 01:51 PM



“ *Brenda, Tracy and the entire family- my heartfelt sympathy to you all with the loss of your precious "Duke". What an awesome job you did loving him and helping him, especially through this difficult last year. I'll never forget when he was first diagnosed. He was in the hospital when my mom began to really decline. It's been almost a year since we lost her:( And I am sure you are all thankful to have had an extra year with Duke! I'm sure Miss Doris was there to welcome him. I know your hearts are aching, just please know there are many of us out here who care. You are an awesome family!###imported-begin##Lisa Lister Adkins##imported-end##*

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November 05, 2010 at 01:09 PM