



Ray B. Pawl

Chesapeake – Ray B. Pawl, 88, our beloved husband and father, passed away on January 7, 2007. He was the devoted and faithful husband of 65 years to Louise A. “Skip” Pawl whom he brought to Norfolk County as his lovely bride from Pittsburgh, PA during the WWII shipyard buildup. He served proudly in the U. S. Army and worked in Shop #31 at the Norfolk Naval Shipyard as a Machinist and Supervisor for 40 years.

Ray was a very bright and articulate man who cherished his Lord, his family and his faithful dog. He loved to play tennis with his wife and ride his bike with his dog. Ray was a founding member of Holy Angels Catholic Church in Cradock and member of Moose Lodge #898 for many years.

His two devoted daughters, Lannie Finan and Patti Hardy (Ronald) will greatly miss his love, wisdom and compassion. Ray was the beloved “Papa” to his 5 grandchildren: Chris Bower, Mary Katherine Contreras (Matt), Lauren Rowland (Adrian), Brett Staples (Tracy), and Jodi Geary (Jay). Also left to cherish his memory are his 7 great grandchildren: Avril, Maia, and Eowyn Rowland, Melanie Staples, Sydney and Casey Geary and Baby Contreras due June, 2007.

The family will receive friends on Wednesday, January 10th, from 6-8pm at J.T. Fisher Funeral Services, 1080 N. George Washington Hwy., Chesapeake.

A life celebration service will be held at 11am on Thursday, January 11th, at Portsmouth First Pentecostal Holiness Church, 3915 Turnpike Road, Portsmouth, with the Rev. Dwayne Moore officiating. A reception will follow the service at the home of Ron and Patti Hardy, 434 Shenandoah St., Portsmouth.

The family of Ray Pawl would like to sincerely thank the nurses and staff at Beth Shalom Nursing Home for the love and concern they showed for my husband and our dad.

He will be missed greatly and we greatly look forward to when we will all be reunited with him in heaven.