



WILLIS LEE CLEMMER

September 3, 1926 - July 14, 2013

WILLIS L. CLEMMER STAUNTON--Willis Lee Clemmer, 86, husband of Betty Brown Clemmer, passed away peacefully on July 11, 2013, at his residence on Vista Lane. He was born near Fairfield, Virginia, on September 3, 1926, to the late Alva Lewis and Viola Ralston Clemmer and was also preceded in death by his sister Louise Keyser and his brother, Burness Clemmer. During World War Two, while a student at Lee High School, Willis, with the permission of his parents, enlisted as a cadet pilot in the Army Air Corps, returning after the war to complete his high school degree. After graduating from Dunsmore Business College, Willis worked for Smith's Transfer, Westinghouse and retired from Staunton's Public Work Department. His wide and varied interests ranged from camping, antique furniture, Civil War reenacting and musket matches to poker, golf, travel, Jeopardy, and math puzzles, all enlivened by his witty penchant to turn a joke on its head. His particular fascination with automobiles fueled his lifelong passion to restore antique cars. As a member of the Model A Ford Club of America and the Antique Automobile Club of America, the latter for more than half a century, Willis restored a number of old cars, including a 1914 Model T Ford which earned him a National Preservation Award for restoration excellence. In addition to Betty, his wife of 64 years, Willis is survived by his four children and their spouses: Gregg (Linda) Clemmer, Martha (Larry) Dubyk, Susan (Marty) Wayne, and Jane (Tad) Bromfield. For his 13 grandchildren and their spouses--Jill (Esrael) Seyum, Daniel Clemmer, Nick (Jenny) Dubyk, Jon (Stephanie) Dubyk, Sarah (Jef) Groesbeck, Katherine Dubyk, Todd Dubyk, Matthew (Linda) Jordan, Justin Wayne, Jesse Wayne, Drew (Juliet) Bromfield, Joseph Bromfield, and Stephen Bromfield --not to mention his 13 great-grandchildren, Willis will always be endeared as "Pop." Indeed, his grandchildren will serve as his honorary pallbearers. Other surviving members of his family include his sister Maxine (Jim) Fitzgerald, and numerous nieces and nephews. The family will receive friends at Henry Funeral Home from 6 to 8 pm on Sunday, July 14, 2013. A memorial service will be held at noon on Monday, July 15, at Second Presbyterian Church where Willis was a member for more than 70 years, with a reception to follow. Internment in Thornrose Cemetery will be private. The family requests in lieu of flowers, donations be made to Hospice of the Shenandoah.

Tribute Wall

JD

“ Dear Betty, Gregg, Susan, Martha, and Jane Nevin and I are so sorry to hear of Willis' passing - he will be missed by all who knew him.

Judy & Nevin Davis - August 01, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ My heartfelt sympathy to all of this wonderful family. Love you Betty, always have. Thoughts and prayers are with you to get through these up coming lonely hours. Time does help, believe me. love, Perrin

July 15, 2013 at 12:00 AM

AH

“ Betty, we are so sorry to hear about Willie's passing. Our thoughts are with you. Annette Hanna, Sarah Foster and Jenny Spencer

Annette Hanna - July 15, 2013 at 12:00 AM

DM

“ Betty, I worked with Willis at Staunton's Public Works Department for many many years. I have always remembered Willis, his jokes, his smile and that twinkle in his eye. God certainly picked one fine gentleman as his newest angel. My thoughts and prayers are with you and the family. May God comfort you especially over these next difficult days.

Debbie Morris - July 13, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ Dear Betty, Willis will be greatly missed. Our thoughts and prayers are with you. Doug and Marian Hackney

July 13, 2013 at 12:00 AM

BB

“ Jane, So sorry to hear of your father's passing. Know that you and your entire family are in our thoughts and prayers.

Bob and Pat Boyer - July 13, 2013 at 12:00 AM

TP

“ Mrs. Clemmer and family, my thoughts are with you today.

Tim Patronik - July 13, 2013 at 12:00 AM

JD

“ Betty, we were shocked at Willis' death. We will always remember his wonderful smile and the talent he had in his paintings. He will be very sadly missed by us even though we've only known him for 3 short years.

Jack & Karen Drago - July 12, 2013 at 12:00 AM

JP

“ Betty and family we are so sorry to hear about Willis's passing. Our thoughts and prayers are with you today. Gary and Jennifer Pitsenbarger

Jennifer Pitsenbarger - July 12, 2013 at 12:00 AM

GS

“ Sorry to hear of his passing. Always enjoyed talking to him. God bless.

Gene Straley - July 12, 2013 at 12:00 AM