



David F. Guthrie

June 20, 1929 - October 14, 2011

David F. "Buddy" Guthrie, Jr.

Mr. David Franklin "Buddy" Guthrie, Jr. of Halifax, died on October 14, 2011 at his home. He was born June 30, 1929 in Nathalie, VA., the son of late David F. Guthrie, Sr. and Elizabeth Hodges Guthrie and was married to Edna Fisher Guthrie.

Mr. Guthrie was an active member of St. John's Episcopal Church, having served as member and Senior Warden of the Vestry, and was a long-standing choir member. Despite blindness from an early age, he pursued higher education at Ferrum College, then graduated from Lynchburg College in 1953 and Washington and Lee Law School in 1956. He had already passed the bar exam with his sister reading the questions for him.

A member of the Halifax County Bar Association and Virginia State Bar Association, Mr. Guthrie practiced law in Halifax for over 50 years, receiving a citation from the Virginia Bar Association in June 2006. He also was the Halifax Police Court Justice from 1957 until the Police Court was absorbed into the General District Court. He served on the Halifax Town Council for 12 years, and was active in the Halifax Lions Club, and served as secretary on the Commission for the Visually Handicapped.

A musician since high school, Mr. Guthrie earned spending money by playing in a dance band in college and he supplemented his income by playing in Mickey Blaine's dance band while building his law practice. Mr. Guthrie was known for his inspired saxophone playing, but was also proficient with bass

guitar and other instruments. His love of music continued throughout his life, and he always welcomed a chance to gather with friends to play bluegrass or jazz but may be best remembered for playing banjo for children of all ages.

In addition to his wife, survivors include one son, David Franklin "Trip" Guthrie, III and wife Kimberly, and grandsons Fisher and Frank.

In addition to his parents, Mr. Guthrie was preceded in death by one daughter, Sarah Thornton Guthrie, sister Jen Lea Guthrie Yancey, and brother Falcon Hodges Guthrie.

Funeral Services will be Tuesday, October 18th, at 11:00 a.m., at St. John's Episcopal Church, Halifax with Father Gary Butterworth officiating. Burial will follow in the church cemetery.

The family will receive friends Monday October 17th, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., at St. John's Episcopal Church and all other times at the home.

For memorials please consider St. John's Episcopal Church in Halifax, VA or St. Judes Children's Research Hospital or a charity of your choice.

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BT

“ Edna,
So sorry to hear about Buddy. He was a wonderful and nice person.
I know you will miss him alot. Call if you need anything. Take care!
Love,
Brenda

Brenda & Todd Trickey - October 20, 2011 at 12:00 AM

PH

“ You are in my thought and Prayers

Penny Baylous Hudson - October 19, 2011 at 12:00 AM

RM

“ he was a true gentleman.

rose mckinney - October 17, 2011 at 12:00 AM

SM

“ Edna and of David ,JR Buddy was always such a lovable person
and he loved to talk as well as myself. His life to me said don't sit
there .There is so much to do in life to glorify God .let's get busy. We
will always remember and love Buddy. Youall have our love and
sympathy. cousin Sally Crews Moore

Sally Moore - October 16, 2011 at 12:00 AM

TO

“ Edna,
We are so sorry for your loss. We all loved Buddy.
Thinking of you..

Rip, Jean, and Trish Owen

Trish Owen - October 16, 2011 at 12:00 AM

LH

“ What A Major Loss to me and the whole community. Buddy was always there for everybody in innumerable ways, and never expected anything in return. A true gentleman who will be missed until we see him on the other side, hopefully playing music once again!

Leo J. Heile - October 16, 2011 at 12:00 AM

HW

“ There is not a childhood memory that I have that does not include Buddy. I remember that for my 15th or 16th birthday - I wanted to have an "adult" party including all my friends and all my parents friends because they were the best parties! Buddy always started the music. What wonderful times! I was so blessed to be able to grow up in the company of such wonderful people as Buddy. The parties now continue in Heaven. God bless you Edna and Trip. Much love! "Little Helen"

Helen Dunavant Wadino - October 16, 2011 at 12:00 AM

GB

“ YOUR FAMILY IN OUR PRAYERS HE WAS A WONDERFUL MAN AND WAS LOVED BY MANY.

GEORGE BILLIE JEAN BAYLOUS - October 15, 2011 at 12:00 AM

SF

“ Sorry for your lose. He is resting in God's arms now. I have you in my prayers.

Sheila Francis - October 15, 2011 at 12:00 AM

BH

“ What a special gentleman, Mr. Guthrie was. I know he was loved by many and will be missed by many. Our thoughts and prayers are with your family during this very difficult time.

Betsey Conner Harris - October 15, 2011 at 12:00 AM

DI

“ Buddy was a man of many talents. He will be missed.

David Irby - October 15, 2011 at 12:00 AM

SE

“ I am so sorry for your loss,, prayers are with you and your family.

Sharon Evans - October 15, 2011 at 12:00 AM

KB

“ Prayers are with the family! What a great man Buddy is! Never forget and let his memory go!!!

Karen Beach - October 15, 2011 at 12:00 AM

PS

“ So sorry to hear of Mr. Guthrie's passing he was a wonderful attorney I used him several times for personal business and I could always call him when I just needed an answer to a question he will be greatly missed.

Priscilla Smith - October 15, 2011 at 12:00 AM

CW

“ *Mr. Guthrie will be truly missed he was an exceptional lawyer who showed people they could do anything if they set there mind to it. I know you will miss him dearly and I am so sorry for your loss but know he is in a better place.*

Cheryl Webb

Cheryl Webb - October 15, 2011 at 12:00 AM