



## John Warren Boyd Jr.

October 30, 1922 - April 20, 2012

John Warren Boyd, Jr. of Alton, VA passed away on Friday, April 20, 2012 at Halifax Regional Hospital. Born in Wise County, VA on October 30, 1922, John was the only child of John W. Boyd, Sr. and Pearl Mae Bray Boyd. He grew up in South Boston. After graduating from C.H. Friend High School, he attended the University of Virginia where he studied Geology. World War II interrupted his studies when he enlisted in the U.S. Navy, where he served as a bombardier defending both the Atlantic and the Gulf. John returned to Halifax County and married Sarah Elizabeth Rice, of Clarksville, in 1946, who preceded him in death. He spent his life farming in the Alton area where he raised cattle, poultry, and sheep. John participated in numerous civic organizations including the Ruritan Club, the American Legion, the Wool Growers Association; and a director on the board of the American Boxwood Society. He also served on the Board of Trustees for Danville Community College. John was an Elder at Mt. Carmel Presbyterian Church and later transferred his membership to the First Presbyterian Church of South Boston.

He is survived by his three children, John W. Boyd, III and his wife Leigh Deeds Boyd of Roanoke, James R. Boyd and his wife Angela Stevens Boyd of Charlottesville, and Sally Boyd Slaff of South Boston, grandchildren Sarah Catherine Boyd of Roanoke, Colin Bray Kuehner Boyd of Lexington, Andrew Blane Murray Boydf of Greenwood, Elizabeth Caroline Boyd of Charlottesville, and Ashley Elizabeth Slaff of Oakland, CA, and a step-grandson, John

Frederick Stevens Pifer of Charlottesville, and a dearly loved caregiver, Rosa Lawson of Alton.

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# Tribute Wall

SW

“ *Sally I am so sorry for your loss. God just keeps getting a bunch of beautiful angels. Remember the good times for that will get you through this.  
God Bless and I Love You.*

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**Sandie Wilkerson** - April 24, 2012 at 12:00 AM

HG

“ *Jim, so sorry to learn of your dad's passing. My deepest sympathy goes out to you and your family during this time. May God bless all the family and give peace to all.*

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**Hugh Gravitt** - April 24, 2012 at 12:00 AM

DC

“ *DEAR JOHN, JIM, AND SALLY,  
THERE IS NO OTHER GENTLEMAN IN MY DENTAL PRACTICE THAT I RESPECT MORE. YOUR FATHER IS A GEM!  
INTELLIGENT, ARTICULATE, DIRECT...HE MEANT WHAT HE TOOK THE EFFORT TO SAY. I HAVE FOND MEMORIES OF OUR RELATIONSHIP. YOUR FAMILY IS BLESSED BY HIS LIFE.*

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**DEBRA CLAYCOMB** - April 24, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JA

“ *Dear John, Leigh and Sarah,  
Though we never met your your Dad, he must have led a wonderful life! God gave him many years on this earth and now he's no longer suffering and is with your Mom. We are so sorry we aren't able to attend his service but your family will remain in our thoughts and prayers during this sad time. Our love, John and Darla*

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**John and Darla Allman** - April 22, 2012 at 12:00 AM

RR

“ We've heard so many good things that John Jr has done in his lifetime from John III. I'm sorry I never got to meet him, but I feel like I knew him anyway. He will be an asset to Heaven.

*Ruby Robertson  
Oakland Baptist*

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**Ruby Robertson** - April 22, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ We will miss Mr. Boyd. I never will forget the time that I went to visit him when he was in the hospital and he sang for me the song that he had written for Mrs. Boyd. He was a remarkable man. We will be praying for your family.

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**John and Jane Sibley** - April 22, 2012 at 12:00 AM

AC

“ Dearest Sally: Our sincerest sympathy to you and your family in your dad's passing. How fortunate you are to have had him for so long although we are never ready to let them go. May God bless you and give you peace. With love, Ann & Ronnie

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**Ann Crabtree** - April 22, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JW

“ We are thinking of you, John, Leigh, and Sarah, at this difficult time and we send you our love.E

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**Juan & Linda Whittington** - April 22, 2012 at 12:00 AM