



## John Byrd Riddle

November 4, 1929 - May 24, 2015

John Byrd Riddle passed away at his home in South Boston on Sunday, May 24, 2015. Mr. Riddle was born to Elizabeth M. Riddle and John J. Riddle on November 4, 1929. He lived in Roanoke, Virginia, until he entered Maryville College in 1949. Following his marriage to Betty Deyerle in 1951, Mr. Riddle served two years in the United States Army during the Korean Conflict. In 1957, Mr. Riddle completed a Bachelor of Science degree in business administration from Virginia Tech. His first job was a trainee position at Burlington Industries; his entire 40-year career as a financial administrator was spent with that company.

Mr. Riddle is survived by his wife of 64 years, Betty Deyerle Riddle, three daughters and sons-in-law and three grandchildren – Beth Riddle O’Brochta and Mike O’Brochta of Roanoke - Becky Riddle-Whitlow and Zack Whitlow of Charlottesville -Amy Riddle Puryear and Don Puryear of Greensboro, North Carolina. Mr. Riddle’s three grandsons are William John O’Brochta, John Lee Puryear, and Matthew Donald Puryear.

Mr. Riddle was a member of Halifax United Methodist Church for more than five decades, serving in various capacities, including the chair of the Administrative Board and the Finance Committee. The John Riddle Adult Sunday School Class was named in his honor following his many years of teaching that class. In the late 1960’s, Mr. Riddle was a member of the Lions’ Club in Raeford, North Carolina. He was an active member of the Halifax County Booster Club during the 1970’s and 80’s, and later he joined the South

Boston Rotary Club.

Mr. Riddle's family is grateful to all of his caregivers for their constant dedication, compassion, support and love - Dianne Anderson, Chris Beadles, Elsie Guy, Barbara Haymes, Karen Morris, and Cathy Short.

The family will receive visitors at Powell Funeral Home on Thursday, May 28, 2015, from 7 p.m. until 8:30 p.m.

Funeral services will be held on Friday, May 29, 2015, at 11 a.m. at Powell Funeral Home Chapel. Interment will follow at Oak Ridge Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to the Halifax United Methodist Church, Box 357, Halifax, Virginia 24558 or The Patrick Henry Boys' and Girls' Home, 860 Red Hill Rd, Brookneal, Virginia 24528.

Online condolences may be made at [www.powellfunerals.com](http://www.powellfunerals.com). Arrangements are by Powell Funereal Home, 1603 Wilborn Avenue, South Boston, VA 24592.

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# Tribute Wall

KE

“ I just found out that John passed away. John, Betty, and the Riddle girls and their families have always been wonderful people!! Betty was our church secretary at Beth Car Baptist Church.Zack Whitlow was a Godsend for our family when my Daddy was sick. My Mamma Ferne who now lives in Roman Eagle Nursing Home and I love you all. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.

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**Kathy Edmonds** - May 30, 2015 at 12:00 AM

SS

“ I am so sorry to learn of your Dad's Passing. I have so many fun memories of times in your home with your family. Much love to all of you, Sally -it would be great to catch up.

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**Sally Chappell Stoneburner** - May 29, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ I am very sorry for your loss of Mr. Riddle. The Bible helps us to understand how Jehovah and Jesus feel about death. Jesus, who perfectly reflected his Father, knew the pain of losing someone in death. (John 14:9) He promised that “those in the memorial tombs will hear his voice and come out. (John 5:28, 29) In harmony with God’s original purpose these resurrected as humans will have the opportunity to live on a paradise earth with perfect health. The Bible says, “The righteous themselves will possess the earth, and they will reside forever upon it.”(Ps. 37:29)

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**Jo Stevenson** - May 28, 2015 at 12:00 AM

CB

“ *Becky and Zack,  
It has been a long time, hope you still remember me. I used to work  
with Zee @ Hair Now.  
I just wanted to send my thoughts and prayers at this time to you  
and your family. May all the memories of your Dad stay in your  
hearts forever.  
Love, Connie*

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**Connie Booker** - May 28, 2015 at 12:00 AM

LC

“ *With sincere sympathy, Lydia*

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**Lydia Tuck Connelly** - May 27, 2015 at 12:00 AM

BF

“ *Beth, Becky, and Amy:*

*Our thoughts and prayers are with you during this most difficult time.*

*Love,  
Boo & Tom*

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**Barbara Felker** - May 26, 2015 at 12:00 AM

PH

“ *Sending my love and prayers to you during this very private time of  
grief .  
Love  
Patricia*

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**Patricia Popek Hicks** - May 26, 2015 at 12:00 AM

AF

“ *with deepest sympathy*

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**Andy Ferrell** - May 26, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MA

“ *Love and prayers to all.*

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**MARY S ALLEN** - May 26, 2015 at 12:00 AM

TW

“ *Beth and Mike,*

*Our sincerest condolences to you and your family in your time of loss.*

*-Tony and Melinda*

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**Tony and Melinda Whitaker** - May 26, 2015 at 12:00 AM

BB

“ *John was a great person. He helped me many times at Burlington.  
May you find comfort in God that only He can give*

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**Betty Blalock** - May 26, 2015 at 12:00 AM