



Harold Short

May 7, 1927 - June 22, 2011

Harold William Short, age 84, of Cedar Bluff, Virginia passed away on Wednesday, June 22, 2011 at a local Richlands hospital following a lengthy illness. He was born in Raven, VA and was the son of the late William B. Short and Millie Beavers Short. He was a 1947 graduate of Richlands High School. He served his country in the US Navy during World War II. Harold retired after 44 years as an insurance agent for State Farm Insurance where he served the Richlands and surrounding areas. He was a 50 year honorary member of the Richlands Masonic Lodge #318 AF & AM. He was a member of the Richlands Rotary Club for 47 years where he served as Past President and was the Treasurer for 21 years. He was a recipient of Paul Harris Fellow and the Skelton Fellow. He was a member of the West Fork Presbyterian Church where he served as a Trustee. Harold was a dedicated volunteer for the community. He was active in the local electoral system having worked the election polls in Cedar Bluff, Virginia. He was a volunteer at the Good Samaritan Food Pantry and helped build four Habitat for Humanity Homes in the area. Harold was the Justice of the Peace for the Richlands area for seven years and belonged to the Southwest Virginia Community Chorus. In addition to his parents he was preceded in death by one brother, Ralph L. Short, and four sisters, Helen S. Bowman, Frances S. Whittaker, Doris S. Haddan and Lucille S. Nichols. Survivors are: His wife: Charlotte Doss Short
Daughter: Anita J. Short of Raven, Virginia Son: Samuel C. Short and wife, Maggie of Charlottesville, Virginia Sister: Maxine S. Whitt of Swords Creek,

Virginia Grandchildren: Justin D. Short of Berkley, California Brooke E. Short of Washington, D.C. Funeral services for Harold William Short will be conducted at 1:00 pm on Saturday, June 25, 2011 at the Richlands Presbyterian Church, Richlands, Virginia with the Dr. Terry Morris, Dr. George Aichel and Rev. Dennis Hoffman officiating. Entombment will follow at the Greenhills Memory Gardens Mausoleum in Claypool Hill, Virginia. Friends may call Friday evening from 6:00 – 9:00 pm at the Hurst-Scott Funeral Home in Richlands, Virginia and at the church one hour prior to the service on Saturday. Masonic services will be conducted Friday at 7:00 pm. at the funeral home. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to: Good Samaritan Food Pantry; 106 Veterans Drive; Richlands, Virginia 24641 and West Fork Church; c/o Dr. Terry Morris; P. O. Box 305; Cedar Bluff, Virginia 24609 Hurst-Scott Funeral Home in Richlands, VA is in charge of arrangements and those wishing to express sympathy online may do so at www.hurstscottfuneralhomes.com.

Tribute Wall



“ *Harold Short*

January 14, 2023 at 04:24 PM



“ *Harold Short*

January 14, 2023 at 02:26 PM



“ *Charlotte, Anita, and Sam,
I was very sorry to hear about Harold but feel that he is at peace now and oh the stories he is telling!!! I was thinking of him today and I cannot remember a time when he would come into the funeral home, a church, a restaurant, or anywhere without a smile on his face and a story to tell. He was a pleasure to be around. Thoughts and Prayers to all of you.
Love,
Joan Helton*

Joan Helton - June 22, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ *To Charlot , Anita and Sam,
So Very Sorry to hear of Harold's passing away. He and your family have been friends all my life, growing up together in Cedar Bluff. All my dearest Sympathy goes to you all during this hard time. I was unable to come and see you all as my young daughter was with me this weekend.
May GOD comfort your hearts as Only he can during this time.
Jim Ed*

Jim Ed Lambert - June 22, 2011 at 12:00 AM

JR

“ Sam,

We wish we could attend the services but are unable to. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. Please let us know if we can do anything for you.

Jack & RhondaYent - June 22, 2011 at 12:00 AM

MR

“ Dear Anita, We were very sorry to hear about the loss of your Father. We know how hard this is going to be for you having gone through it ourselves with our parents. If there is anything we can do please call us. We would love to hear from you. Take care of yourself and we will probably see you at the class reunion this fall. We are remembering you in our thoughts and prayers. Love, Karen and Mark

Mark and Karen Ratlif - June 22, 2011 at 12:00 AM

BW

“ I am very sorry for the passing of Harold. He and my dad, Gratten Webb, were friends from childhood, as I'm sure you know. Most of my dad's happy childhood memories are of him and Harold getting into some type of trouble together. It sounded like they had so much fun together that they didn't mind the punishment after the event. My daddy is very sad loosing such a good friend. How wonderful it must be to have a friend 80 some years.

Betsy Webb Williams

Betsy Webb Williams - June 22, 2011 at 12:00 AM

KS

“ *Ms. Charoltte, Anita, & Sam*

I am so sorry to hear of your loss. He will certainly be missed. I'm glad I had the opportunity to become friends with you and your family. Harold was such a special person to me.

Remember, earth has no sorrow that heaven cannot heal.

Kim Swift - June 22, 2011 at 12:00 AM

PW

“ *Maxine*

So very sorry to hear about your brother. Sincere and deepest sympathy to you and your family. Will be praying for you.

Pat & Jerry Warner - June 22, 2011 at 12:00 AM

JH

“ Charlotte, Anita, Sam and Family, Maxine and Family,
We are so sorry to learn of Harold's death. The area has lost a true gentleman who has been a friend to many and he will be missed by all. His smile while telling a story was infectious and he would always have us laughing. We know he is now in a wonderful place and sitting amongst family and friends still making them laugh. May you be comforted by the prayers being lifted for you, embraced by your memories and held in love by your faith. We will have you in our thoughts and prayers.

Love,

Jane Ellen

"Rocky" and Pat

Love Lives On

*Those we love are never really lost to us--
we feel them in so many special ways--
through friends they always cared about
and dreams they left behind,
in beauty that they added to our days...
in words of wisdom we still carry with us
and memories that never will be gone...*

*Those we love
are never really lost to us--
for everywhere their special love lives on.*

~ Amanda Bradley ~

Jane Ellen Horton - June 22, 2011 at 12:00 AM

LR

“ Charlotte and family ~
So very sorry about the loss of your beloved Harold. He was such a sweetheart and never met a stranger. I'll always cherish my special memories of him. My prayer is that God will hold each of you in the palm of his hand. May your many, many memories comfort you in the days ahead. You are in my thoughts and prayers. Love, Lynn Rutherford-Snow and family

Lynn Rutherford-Snow - June 22, 2011 at 12:00 AM

PH

“ HEAVEN WILL BE SINGING A SWEETER SONG,OUR LOST IS HEAVENS GAIN
HE WILL BE MISSED BY ALL WHO KNEW HIM
GO REST HIGH ON THAT MT. MR. SHORT
GOD BLESS ALL THE FAMILY AND FRIENDS

Pamela A.Lester Holmes - June 22, 2011 at 12:00 AM

BB

“ Dear Charlotte & family,
My thoughts & prayers are with you at this very sad time. The town of Richlands has lost a giant of a man.God Bless you all. I have such wonderful memories of Harold. I always enjoyed singing with him. May the peace that passes all understanding abide with you.
A Friend Forever,
Bernice BrownL

Bernice Shouse Brown - June 22, 2011 at 12:00 AM

JR

“ Charlotte, we are so sorry to hear about Harold. We smile as we think of all the great times we had square dancing and how Harold always had on those red socks.

Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.

Love you

James and Roberta

James and Roberta Ringstaff - June 22, 2011 at 12:00 AM

LB

“ Sam,
Our deepest sympathy to you and your family. Sending our love.

Lisa and Barry - June 22, 2011 at 12:00 AM

ED

“ *Dearest Friend,*

I cannot find the words to express my sorrow that you are no longer with us on this earth. Richlands will never be the same without you. Anybody who ever met you will never be the same. You have enriched my life from WWII days when you would visit our home in your Navy bell bottoms, to the last class reunion.

We'll see you in Heaven, Harold, standing by the side of God, laughing and singing in that robust, wonderful voice that made us all feel warm and happy throughout the years.

Goodbye my friend. Our loss is Heaven's gain.

Esther Bobbitt Davis

Esther Bobbitt Davis - June 22, 2011 at 12:00 AM

IW

“ Anita, I am so sorry for your loss. You and your family are in my thoughts and prayers. If there is anything I can do, please do not hesitate to let me know.

Love & Prayer, Iris

Iris Webb - June 22, 2011 at 12:00 AM

KB

“ The world has lost a special man. I will miss his smile, his jokes, and his red socks. :)

Kathy Brooks - June 22, 2011 at 12:00 AM

AD

“ We were saddened to hear of Mr. Short's death. In life, he was a gentleman and devoted his life to others. We were honored to know him. Please remember that our prayers are with you during this difficult time.

Anna & Garry Damron - June 22, 2011 at 12:00 AM

LG

“ Dear Charlotte, Anita and Sam..I'm late in doing this...seems I move in slow motion lately.So sorry to lose Harold...I will really miss him when I get back to GSFP - his whistling, exchanging insults with Dave and others. PLease accept my sincere sympathy. I didn't tell Ed about him - he probably wouldn't remember longer than 3 minutes, and it would just make him sad at the time.

lou grimm - June 22, 2011 at 12:00 AM

GP

“ Anita, I am sorry to hear about the loss of your Dad. You and your family are in my thoughts and prayers. Glenna

Glenna Phipps - June 22, 2011 at 12:00 AM

DK

“ Anita, I am very sorry for the loss of your father. You are in my prayers.

Diane Kinder - June 22, 2011 at 12:00 AM

DR

“ To the family we send our heartfelt thoughts and prayers in this time of great loss, I remember him from school and our class of 47 and all the fun times we had at the class reunions . we will all miss his humor and his just being there.We are thinking of you all during this time

David and Nathan Robinette - June 22, 2011 at 12:00 AM

RP

“ Harold was a good man. I always respected him as a friend and as an agent. He was a blessing to me and my family many years ago when we moved to Richlands.

Rodger and Carolyn Pike - June 22, 2011 at 12:00 AM

ID

“ Anita,I was so sorry to hear about your Dad.He was such a nice man.My husband worked with him at the Food Pantry.He really liked him.You and your family are in our thoughts and prayers.God Bless You all. Irene

Irene (Helton) Duvall - June 22, 2011 at 12:00 AM

DD

“Charlotte, Sam, and Anita, we are so sorry to hear of your loss. Cherish all of the wonderful memories of Harold. Although he is physically gone, his memory and spiritual presence will continue to comfort, guide, and support you in your life. Our thoughts and prayers will be with you.

Doug Doss - June 22, 2011 at 12:00 AM