



Robert E. Widener Sr.

December 7, 1932 - March 19, 2017

Robert E. Widener, Sr. age 84 of Cedar Bluff, Virginia passed away on Sunday, March 19, 2017 in a local Richlands hospital.

He was born in Glade Spring, Virginia and was the son of the late Preston and Josephine Overbay Widener. He was a graduate of Richlands High School Class of 1950 and went on to serve his country in the U.S. Air Force during the Korean War. He graduated from ETSU with a Bachelor of Science degree and worked for U.S. Department of Treasury as a criminal investigator. Robert was a Charter member of Gethsemane Baptist Church and will truly be missed by all who knew and loved him.

In addition to his parents he was preceded in death by his brother Dean Widener.

He is survived by :

Hs loving wife of 61 years,, Martha Thompson Widener of Cedar Bluff, VA

Sons:

Dr. Robert Widener, Jr and wife, Susan of Ben Hur, VA

Richard E. Widener and wife Sheilah of Cedar Bluff, VA

Sister-in-law, Becky Widener of Richlands, VA

Brother-in-law William W. Thompson, Jr. of Doran, VA

Grandchildren, Jessica Rohrer and husband, Jeremy, Libby Keene and husband, Ethan

Great grandchildren, Kane Keene, Kai Rohrer, Landon Rohrer.

Several Nieces and nephews also survive him.

The family would like thank the 4th floor nurses and staff at Clinch Valley Medical Center for their wonderful care and support.

A Memorial Service will be conducted at the Gethsemane Baptist Church in Richlands, Virginia on Tuesday, March 21, 2017 at 11:00 am with the Dr. Marc Brooks, Rev. Bruce Mitchell and Rev. Stafford Compton officiating. Friends can call beginning at 6:00pm on Monday at the Hurst-Scott funeral home in Richlands, Virginia. The family ask the Memorial contributions be made in his honor to the Gethsemanes Baptist Church, 2902 Clinch Street, Richlands, VA or to the Good Samaritan Food Pantry in Richlands, Virginia.

Hurst-Scott Funeral Home in Richlands, Virginia is in charge of arrangements and those wishing to express sympathy online may do so at www.hurstscottfuneralhomes.com

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR **20**. 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

Hurst-Scott Funeral Home
1401 2nd Street
Richlands, VA 24641
<http://www.hurstscottfuneralhomes.com>

Memorial Service

MAR **21**. 11:00 AM (ET)

Gethsemene Baptist Church
2902 Clinch Street
Richlands, VA 24641

Tribute Wall



“ *Robert E. Widener Sr.*

January 14, 2023 at 04:24 PM



“ *Robert E. Widener Sr.*

January 14, 2023 at 02:26 PM



“ *TonyanEdgar Wicks lit a candle in memory of Robert E. Widener Sr.*



TonyanEdgar Wicks - March 25, 2017 at 03:56 PM



“ *I remember when Martha and Bob met. He was in the Air Force and destined to go overseas. It must have been love at first sight because they corresponded the whole time he was gone. Soon after he returned they were married and just look how long it lasted. Even when a young woman is 18 she really can know her mind. They went through some pretty rough times, especially when they were in a terrible wreck and spent months recuperating. They were faithful to each other through the bad times and the good. Their love and faith made them strong. Bob, even though we didn't get to see you very often, we will miss you. After all, it has been Martha AND Bob for more than 61 years. We will see you again, dear brother. Eva and David*



David and Eva Smith Harmon - March 25, 2017 at 10:21 AM

KS

“ *Katrina Saxton lit a candle in memory of Robert E. Widener Sr.*



Katrina Saxton - March 21, 2017 at 08:34 PM

SA

“ *Susie And Steve Addison lit a candle in memory of Robert E. Widener Sr.*



Susie and Steve Addison - March 21, 2017 at 06:48 PM

HW

“ *Thank you, God, for Bob Widener and his precious wife, Martha and family. I cannot say enough how God used Bob to bless me and Carol while serving at Gethsemane Baptist. His gracious spirit, serving heart, ministry zeal, and love for people and Jesus were contagious. He loved the Lord, his family, and his church. Bob was a true "stand out" at Gethsemane, and now he is a true "stand out" in Glory! "Well done good and faithful servant."*

I love you, brother.

*Dr. Hugh Whitfield
Conover, NC*

Hugh Whitfield - March 21, 2017 at 10:39 AM

BT

“ *Bill Emily Thurston lit a candle in memory of Robert E. Widener Sr.*



Bill Emily Thurston - March 21, 2017 at 06:39 AM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Robert E. Widener Sr..*



March 21, 2017 at 02:18 AM

LW

“ *So very sorry for your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with you, Martha, and family. May you find comfort and peace in God's amazing grace in the difficult days ahead.*



Lynda Lawson Whittington - March 20, 2017 at 06:45 PM

BM

“ *Bruce & Linda Mitchell sent a virtual gift in memory of Robert E. Widener Sr.*



Bruce & Linda Mitchell - March 20, 2017 at 03:07 PM

NM

“ *Nellie Maynard lit a candle in memory of Robert E. Widener Sr.*



nellie maynard - March 20, 2017 at 02:27 PM

WR

“ *Wendy Reedy lit a candle in memory of Robert E. Widener Sr.*



Wendy Reedy - March 20, 2017 at 11:28 AM

BF

“ *Twas but a moment ago when my sister told me she found someone whom I should call. Little did I know at the time that would open up a whole new friendship between two cousins, one not knowing about the other, one knowing but in name only. Robert Edward, I have been blessed by God to have the privilege of knowing you, Martha and all your family. To say you will be missed is the greatest understatement of all time. I know of no man who was more truly loved by all. God Bless you, Robert Edward Widener. And for now "Lapich knewel"! (in the Lenni Lenape language for I will see you again.)*

Bob Foley - March 20, 2017 at 11:00 AM

PB

“ Love and Prayers to each of you. Was blessed to have him as a kind, thoughtful boss.



PAT MCCALL BARNETT - March 20, 2017 at 08:54 AM

DC

“ Doug And Malinda Cannaday sent a virtual gift in memory of Robert E. Widener Sr.



Doug and Malinda Cannaday - March 20, 2017 at 07:03 AM

DH

“ Martha, we are so sorry about Bob. He was such a good man. Love and hugs



Debbie Hunsaker - March 20, 2017 at 06:54 AM

RK

“ Roy And Jill Kinder sent a virtual gift in memory of Robert E. Widener Sr.



Roy and Jill Kinder - March 20, 2017 at 06:15 AM

DP

“ *Doris And Larry Presley lit a candle in memory of Robert E. Widener Sr.*



Doris and Larry Presley - March 19, 2017 at 10:46 PM

DP

Much Love for you and your family

Doris and Larry Presley - March 19, 2017 at 10:48 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Robert E. Widener Sr..*



March 19, 2017 at 10:30 PM

GA

“ *Glenda Altizer lit a candle in memory of Robert E. Widener Sr.*



Glenda Altizer - March 19, 2017 at 09:57 PM

JS

“ *Rick and family, I am sorry for your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with you at this time. May God bring comfort to you in the time ahead.*

Judy Stamper - March 19, 2017 at 09:38 PM

MF

“ Mike and Marsha Twigg and Family purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Robert E. Widener Sr..



Mike and Marsha Twigg and Family - March 19, 2017 at 08:41 PM

PS

“ Peggy Sparks lit a candle in memory of Robert E. Widener Sr.



peggy Sparks - March 19, 2017 at 08:07 PM

GT

“ Gail Tatum lit a candle in memory of Robert E. Widener Sr.



Gail Tatum - March 19, 2017 at 07:09 PM

JS

“ Jerry, Iris And Annalise Stilwell lit a candle in memory of Robert E. Widener Sr.



Jerry, Iris and Annalise Stilwell - March 19, 2017 at 06:43 PM

SN

“ *SHIRLEY NICKODAM lit a candle in memory of Robert E. Widener Sr.*



SHIRLEY NICKODAM - March 19, 2017 at 05:40 PM

CS

“ *Charlotte, Sam & Family And Anita Short lit a candle in memory of Robert E. Widener Sr.*



Charlotte, Sam & Family and Anita Short - March 19, 2017 at 05:11 PM

BH

“ *Beulah Haynes lit a candle in memory of Robert E. Widener Sr.*



Beulah Haynes - March 19, 2017 at 04:50 PM

BC

“ *Bill And Kim Cress lit a candle in memory of Robert E. Widener Sr.*



Bill and Kim Cress - March 19, 2017 at 04:46 PM

JC

“ Jack And Lydia Collins lit a candle in memory of Robert E. Widener Sr.



Jack and Lydia Collins - March 19, 2017 at 04:38 PM

LC

“ Lorie Patrick Christian lit a candle in memory of Robert E. Widener Sr.



Lorie Patrick Christian - March 19, 2017 at 04:21 PM

JR

“ James Mary Roberts lit a candle in memory of Robert E. Widener Sr.



James Mary Roberts - March 19, 2017 at 04:16 PM

JR

So sorry Rob....Mary..

James Mary Roberts - March 19, 2017 at 04:17 PM

JD

“ Martha, please know I'm thinking about you at this time. So sorry to hear about Bob. Love and prayers,
Jean Davis

Jean Davis - March 19, 2017 at 04:13 PM

WA

“ *Wandaleen Adams lit a candle in memory of Robert E. Widener Sr.*



Wandaleen Adams - March 19, 2017 at 04:07 PM

TM

“ *Tom And Dot McGlothlin lit a candle in memory of Robert E. Widener Sr.*



Tom and Dot McGlothlin - March 19, 2017 at 03:41 PM