

William Pickering

July 6, 1926 - August 25, 2011

Myrtle Beach....William A. Pickering (Ret. C/MSgt)

William A. Pickering age 85, loving husband, father and grandfather, died Thursday, August 25, 2011 at his residence.

Born in Gastonia, NC, he was the son of the late William A. and Lois M. Pickering. Mr. Pickering was a 32 year veteran of the U. S. Navy and Air Force serving in WWII, the Korean and Vietnam Wars, retiring as a C/MSgt. He worked with the USAF Security Police and the Myrtle Beach Police Department, retiring as a Lt. Mr. Pickering was a charter member of the FOP Horry Lodge 12. He was an avid reader, especially military history. He loved and enjoyed the ocean. Mr. Pickering was preceded in death by his wife, Margaret L. Elberson Pickering; and sister, Olive DeJonge.

Survivors include his children, Loretta (James) Gallie of Scottville, MI, William (Kathy) Pickering of Myrtle Beach, SC, Mary Pickering Baker of Myrtle Beach, SC and Robert Pickering of Myrtle Beach, SC; ten grandchildren, Jim (Andrea) Gallie of Scottville, MI, Tracey (Jeff) Barnett of Scottville, MI, Christina Pickering of Myrtle Beach, SC, Jennifer (Jarrette) Strickland of Conway, SC, Billy Pickering of Myrtle Beach, SC, Marybeth (Michael) Darnell of Myrtle Beach, SC, Amanda Bullard of Myrtle Beach, SC, Christopher Baker of Warren, PA, Sabrina (Travis) Cook of Virginia Beach, VA and Allexander J.

Barker of FL; thirteen great-grandchildren and a sister, Lois (Ray) Perry of Ft. Gay, WV.

A memorial service will be held at 11:00 AM Monday, August 29, 2011 at Goldfinch Funeral Home, Beach Chapel with The Reverend H. Jeff Wallace officiating.

Sign a guestbook at www.goldfinchfuneralhome.com

In lieu of flowers memorial donations may be made to Incare Hospice, 4685 Hwy. 17 bypass Myrtle Beach, SC 29577. The family would like to thank Carol Koluch from Incare Hospice for her care and support during the last 6 months.

Goldfinch Funeral Home, Beach Chapel is in charge of the arrangements.

Previous Events

Service

AUG **29**. 11:00 PM (ET)

Celebration Center

11528 Hwy 17 Bypass

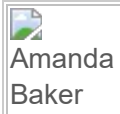
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Tribute Wall



“ *listening to bobby bare's singing in the kitchen...*



Amanda Baker - August 27, 2011 at 09:29 PM

TB

“ *Searching for sharks teeth...patiently, diligently, carefully...*

tracey barnett - August 26, 2011 at 06:17 PM

SC

“ *I remember years ago he had this wonderful basset hound who loved to sleep. He said she wasn't sleeping really, but pondering deep thoughts. Every time I look at a dog stretched out and sleeping I think about that. He and Peg were my mother's dearest friends.*

Susan Canterbury - August 26, 2011 at 03:38 PM