



Ashby Turner Hillyard

November 28, 1927 - May 17, 2015

Ashby Turner Hillyard, 87, of Stephens City, died Sunday, May 17, 2015 at his residence.

He was born November 28, 1927 in Boyce, VA the son of Otha and Carrie Belle McDonald Hillyard.

He was married to Barbara A. Hillyard.

Mr. Hillyard was a decorated war veteran having served as a senior master sergeant in the US Army and Air Force during WWII, the Korean Conflict and Vietnam. He later retired from service at the Pentagon.

Surviving in addition to his wife are two sons, Rodney Hillyard and his wife Tammy of Bluemont and Darrell Wayne Hillyard and his wife Mary of Ocala, FL; a daughter, Melinda Hillyard of Miami, FL; three stepsons, Robert Hillyard of Winchester, Nathaniel Hillyard and his wife Debbie of Bunker Hill, WV and William Hillyard and his wife Misty of Inwood, WV; a stepdaughter, Patsy Riggs and her husband Thomas of Winchester; a brother, James Hillyard and his wife Margie of Great Falls, MT; a grandson, David Hillyard; two granddaughters, Joy Mercer and Dawn Byrne and her husband Randy; two stepgrandsons, Thomas Riggs, Jr. and Nathaniel Hillyard, Jr.; two great-granddaughters and three great-grandsons.

Seven brothers, who also all proudly served their country, are all deceased.

A funeral service will be Saturday, May 23, 2015, at 10:00 a.m. in Phelps Funeral Chapel, 311 Hope Drive, Winchester with Rev. Dr. Ken Patrick officiating.

Burial will follow in Gainesboro Cemetery with honors by V.F.W. Post 2123.

Casket bearers will be Randy Byrne, Nathaniel Hillyard, William Hillyard, Nathaniel Hillyard, Jr., James Smallwood and Rynard Brannon.

Friends will be received on Friday, May 22, 2015, from 7:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. in the funeral chapel.

Memorials may be made to Shenandoah Oncology, 1870 Amherst Street, Suite F, Winchester, VA 22601 or to Blue Ridge Hospice, 333 W. Cork Street, Suite 405, Winchester, VA 22601.

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Tribute Wall

MH

“ *To My Beloved Father*

We are separated by death but we will always be rooted together by Love .

Thank you for molding me into the person I am today; my morals, character and anything good about me I owe it all to you and my precious mother.

I know in time the brokenness that I feel will heal as I continue on this journey we call life.

My earthly treasures are now the memories of you and my mother. My step mother didn't love me and my brother and proved that after you died . She never gave us our anything from you or our childhood sentiments.

I have found forgiveness towards her even though it broke my heart how she alienated us . But I knew the truth and the truth will always set you free.

I am not bitter only better. Thank you Lord Jesus for your Love and mercy .



Melinda Hillyard - December 29, 2020 at 09:07 PM

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“ *Barbara and family our condolences to you all. We always enjoyed being with Ashby and you, we will surely miss his sweet smile and great sense of humor but knowing he is with our Savior we will be reunited one day and enjoy those times again. I was always proud to list Ashby along with our other family members on Veterans Day and of course all USA Military everywhere. You and the family are in my thoughts and prayers. God bless and comfort.*

Virginia Rathbone - May 20, 2015 at 02:10 PM

TK

“ Thank you Mr. Hillyard for serving our country and i always knew where your daughter got her sweet spirit, laugh and smile! My condolences to your family at this time, I feel your wonderful presence with Our Lord!

Tami Kelly - May 19, 2015 at 11:28 PM

SL

“ I will always remember your laughter & the way your eyes would light up when you smile! You will be very missed here on earth but nothing can compare to the celebration in heaven you are now experiencing!

Suzie Lehor - May 19, 2015 at 10:09 AM

DM

“ We are so sorry for your family's loss. Praying for everyone.

Doug Mozealous - May 19, 2015 at 10:09 AM