



Remembering our brothers who have passed from this life

RHODES, ROBERT ALTON '56

Robert "Bob" Alton Rhodes of 502 Ellendin Avenue, Staunton, VA., passed away Saturday, 26 April 2008, at the University of Virginia Medical Center in Charlottesville.

Bob was born 21 February 1938 in Harrisonburg, VA. He was the son of the late David J. and Maryellen (Roadcap) Rhodes; grandson of the late Walter E. and Gertrude Rhodes of Rockingham County; and the late Charles E. and Pearl (Hudlow) Roadcap of Augusta County.

Bob attended Augusta County Public Schools and Augusta Military Academy, where he graduated in 1956. He then enlisted in the U.S. Navy in September 1956, serving aboard the USS CANBERRA (CAG 2) until November 1960. His last deployment was a goodwill around the world cruise, visiting 28 ports. Bob then returned to Staunton, where he was employed by the State of Virginia at Western State Hospital and the Virginia Department of Transportation as the Staunton District Electrical Foreman until his retirement in 1986.

Bob was preceded in death by his parents; his mother and father-in-law, Robert "Frank" and Mildred (Brooks) VanLear; two brothers-in-law, Robert Humphrey of

Michigan, and Jack Rohn of Richmond.

Bob is survived by his wife, Rebecca Jane (VanLear) Rhodes, to whom he was married 29 June 1962 at Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church in Staunton; a son, Brian Robert Rhodes, LT USN; a future daughter-in-law, Melanie S. Alvarado, LT USN, both of Virginia Beach; his sister, Fonda Ann Rohn of Richmond, and sister, Betty Humphrey of Washington, MI. His extended family includes his nephew, Scott Simmons and wife, Susan; his nieces, Kimberly and husband, Gary Walker, Terry and husband, Billy Moore; his great nieces and nephews, Nicole, Ryan, Spencer, Tyler, great-great niece, Kayla, all of Richmond; and very dear friends, Fred and Betty Hale of Staunton.

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