



## B.C. Hollar

June 8, 2012

B. C. Hollar, 83, of Woodstock, passed away Friday, June 8, 2012 at Pine Meadow in Woodstock. The funeral service will be held Sunday, June 10 at 3:00 p.m. at Dellinger Funeral Home in Woodstock. Reverend Barbara Rhodes will officiate. The graveside service with military honors for B.C. Hollar will be held Friday, July 20 at 1:00 p.m. at Arlington National Cemetery. Those attending need to arrive at Arlington by 12:30 p.m. Mr. Hollar was born March 15, 1929 in Edinburg, son of the late Lester Granville and Mazie Lambert Hollar. He was a 1946 graduate of Edinburg High School. He attended Bridgewater College and graduated from Shenandoah Business College. He was a Korean War veteran having served 22 years in the Navy on different assignments sponsored by The Intelligence Community. He was formerly employed with Kennedy Konstruction Kompany and later retired from Jadwyn Corporation. He was a member of Edinburg VFW, Woodstock American Legion, Disabled Veterans, National Association of Uniformed Services and Fleet Reserve Association. He was preceded in death by his wife, Betty Reger Hollar; two sisters, Lucille H. Lambert and Dorothy H. Lambert and four brothers, Bernard Hollar, Dan Hollar, Allen Hollar and Jay Hollar. He is survived by two sons, S. Michael Hollar and Jeffrey A. Hollar and his wife, Seung Hee Han all of Woodstock; grandson, Michael Tyler Adlam of Ashburn, VA; Catherine S. Hollar and Jeremy Zinn both of Woodstock and Lauren Zinn of Florida; sister, Isabelle Linaweaver of Woodstock; sister-in-law, Nancy Margolis of New Carrollton, MD. and numerous nieces, nephews and great

nieces and nephews. Honorary pallbearers will be Larry Lambert, Danny Lambert, Robert Linaweaver, James A. Hollar, Leslie Hollar, Ricky Lambert, Paul Hockman, Bubba Kennedy, Tom Truban, Randolph Foltz and Steven J. Hollar. The family will receive friends Saturday from 6:30-8:30 at the funeral home. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Shenandoah County Free Clinic, 781 Spring Parkway, Woodstock, VA 22664 and Navy- Marine Corps Relief Society Headquarters, 875 Randolph Street, Suite 225, Arlington, VA 22203. Memorial contributions may also be made to the Shempaco Industries, 1032 Wissler Road, Quicksburg, VA 22847. Mr. Hollar was very proud of all of his family members who served in a military or civilian capacity in support of our National Defense as well as all of his family member's service as current and/or past First Responders.

# Tribute Wall

SC

“ Dear Mike and Jeff, Just received an email today from Jeff Still letting me know about Ben's passing. You have my deepest sympathy. I always remember your father as a soft-spoken and gentle man. I felt safe around him and cared for.....as if he always had my best interest at heart which I'm sure he did. He and Betty were special people to me and I loved to visit with them when I could. I'm sad that it has been so many years since I've seen either of them. You have many happy memories of your Dad especially in your more mature lives and I know you will remember him fondly as will the rest of us. Let your memories be a comfort to you. Be in touch Mike. I don't have a number for you and no email address. I should have that! If you'd like to come visit, we will always have an open door. Be well guys. With love, Sharon

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**Sharon Corsie** - July 19, 2012 at 12:00 AM

TA

“ VERY Sorry to find out Mr. Hollar passed away . I've known him for just 12 years or so, when I joined him to work on the Hollar family cemetery. I was very fond of him and glad I came to visit him this past Christmas. He and my father were 4th or 5th cousins and he and I spent much time discussing the family history.

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**Twyman Andes** - June 27, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JH

“ I worked for Chief Hollar in Naval Intelligence in the Pentagon in the late 60's. He was always such a great guy & even though I hadn't seen him since my husband got of the Navy in 10/69 I oftended thought about him. A friend of ours from the long-ago days at the Pentagon forwarded Chief Hollar's obit & I wanted to send my sympathy to all the Hollar family.

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**Joanne Hiteshew** - June 25, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ Jeff, I am very sad to hear that your father has left us forever. We hope that you can stride over the miserable period. And remember your father in your heart. That's the best memory.

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June 21, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ Sorry to hear about Ben. He was truly a great gentleman. He was also a great encourager. I enjoyed so much when your Mom and Dad came to my house. We had a great family reunion (immediate family). They would often talk about the huge meals that I had cooked for all and the apple pies. Ben was a great leader in keeping the Holler/Holler reunion going at Edinburg and trying to make sure the cemeteries were kept up. The last time I talked to your Dad was at family night for Norville Stickles (my first cousin's husband)last fall. I knew your dad did not feel well that night, but he still came to show honor to fellow comrade who had served his country with him. That's what I call a true and faithful soldier; Love of Country and fellow men. THAT WAS BEN!

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Virginia Miller - June 16, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ I was so sorry to hear about Ben, I read the other comments and they said it best, he was truly a gentleman and we will surely miss him. I think back on the good times we had at the Beach with them and our 4th son. Randy is on his way to the Island so I know he didn't get your e-mail, but I called him on his cellphone, so I know you will be hearing from him, and he can surely appreciate what you are going through, Carl was real organized too, but it's still a lot to go through. Give my best to Hee and Mike. My love, Janis

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Janis Carr - June 14, 2012 at 12:00 AM

MH

“ Dear Peggy, Thank very much for the thoughtful words. I sincerely hope your health is as well as possible, I keep you in my prayers. I hope your entire family will have much time and joy with you. You are in my thoughts. I greatly respect your commitment to family, church, and all you, do and have done for others Very respectfully,  
Mike

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**Mike Hollar** - June 13, 2012 at 12:00 AM

LF

“ Dear Mike and Jeff, I was so sorry to learn about your dad. He and your mother were very kind and special to me and I have many wonderful memories of times with them. I always called you dad Chalmers as that is what your mom called him. Two wonderful people who will be missed. Please accept my condolences and I will keep you in my prayers during this difficult time. Libby, Mike & Katie

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**Libby Solak and family** - June 13, 2012 at 12:00 AM

MH

“ Dear Libby, thank you very much for your kind comments. My parents were both very fond of you and your family as well as inspired by the deication to your work and your family. I hope you are all well and Katie is achieving great things. I am sure you and Mike are continueing to giving her inspiration and support. I have a stepson who is a severe epileptic, and as a result of 21 years as a patient at john hopkins and a serious med regiment he is also deveopmently challanged. He, just as Katie, as a very dear heart. He works at ShenPaco in Quicksburg. Again, thank very much for thinking of us. Be Well, Mike

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**Mike Hollar** - June 13, 2012 at 12:00 AM

MH

“ Dear Harry, You have been our brother for more than half century. You are and have been part of our family. I thank you and all of you family for coming to Woodstock to support us at Ben's passing. He always had questions on how you and your mom and sisters were doing. I was very pleased and touched to see all of you. Stella looks very well and I hope she and all of your family including kids, grandkids and great-grandkids do well and be well. Thank you for your kind thoughts you were another son to Ben. Stay in touch,  
Mike

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**Mike Hollar** - June 13, 2012 at 12:00 AM

MH

“ Richard and Becky, Thank very much for taking time to offer kind words. I sincerely hope your own health challenges are going as well as possible. I think of you and your family and keep all of you in my thoughts and prayers. Take care Mike

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**Mike Hollar** - June 13, 2012 at 12:00 AM

MH

“ Kathy, It is very kind of you to think of us at Ben's passing. I have great memories of Eveyln and Paul. Salt of the earth people. I hope you are welll and happy at this point in life.

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**Mike Hollar** - June 13, 2012 at 12:00 AM

RP

“ Our condolences to the family. We only met Ben a few times, but we were struck by what a truly kind and gentle man he was. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all. Richard & Becky Pullman

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**Richard & Becky Pullman** - June 10, 2012 at 12:00 AM

PC

“ *My thoughts are with you all in this hour of sorrow. While i did not know Ben well Cathy and Jeremy were very fond of him and did keep me up on his being. Cathy has a beautiful sun catcher hanging in her window Ben gave her for birthday and will always be a reminder of his kindness. Peace and Prayers! Peggy Clifton*

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**Peggy Clifton** - June 10, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JB

“MEMORIES OF OUR DEAR COUSIN CHALMERS BY JUDY BLONSKI, DAUGHTER OF IRENE HOLLER HOSKINS (AUNT TO CHALMERS) AND JUDY'S HUSBAND, ED WE LEARNED OF OUR DEAR COUSIN CHALMERS, THE NAME JUDY'S MOM WENT BY, WHILE ON A TRIP CROSS COUNTRY TO VISIT CHILDREN AND GRANDCHILD. SHE WAS JUST DOING AS CHALMERS ALWAYS TOLD HER TO...SPOILING THEM ALL. SO THOUGH SHE AND ED CAN'T BE WITH US TODAY, THEY ARE IN SPIRIT. TIME IN THE CAR ALLOWED THEM TO WRITE DOWN THEIR REMEMBERENCES OF THE UNIQUE RELATIONSHIP THEY HAVE ENJOYED WITH HIM OVER THE YEARS. TO JUDY, ESPECIALLY THOSE YEARS SHE WAS A SINGLE PARENT, CHALMERS WAS ALWAYS WATCHING AND SUPPORTING HER FROM A DISTANCE. FOR ED, IT HAS BEEN A MATTER THESE LAST 22 YEARS OF THE SPECIAL BOND THEY DEVELOPED OVER SHARED STORIES OF THEIR MILITARY SERVICE TO OUR COUNTRY. ED GRATEFULLY REMEMBERED THAT DURING SOME DIFFICULT TIMES IN HIS LIFE, CHALMERS ALWAYS HAD A GUIDING WORD OF ENCOURAGEMENT TO OFFER. HE NEVER PUSHED HIS VIEWS ON OTHERS...JUST SIMPLY SHARED THEM IN CONVERSATION SOMETIMES. ED IS SO PROUD TO HAVE KNOWN THIS DEDICATED NAVY VETERAN AND VERY LOYAL PATRIOT WITH WHOM HE HAS SHARED SO MUCH OVER THE YEARS. "CHALMERS LET IT BE KNOWN THAT HE FELT THE SAME ABOUT HIS "BUDDY. THEIRS WAS AN AMAZING FRIENDSHIP, EVIDENT FROM THE CALLS CHALMERS PLACED THIS LAST YEAR AS HE REALIZED HIS OWN HEALTH WAS BEGINNING TO DECLINE. THE WEEK BEFORE ED AND JUDYS'TRIP, CHALMERS CALLED TO TALK WITH HIS "CITY COUSINS" ONE MORE TIME WHILE HE WAS ENJOYING SOME GOOD DAYS. THEY WILL ALWAYS REMEMBER HIM REACHING OUT TO THEM LIKE THIS...SO CHALMERS. CHALMERS HAS LEFT A LASTING IMPRESSION AND LEGACY TO JUDY'S CHILDREN, WHO HAVE ALWAYS THOUGHT OF HIM WITH GREAT RESPECT AND PRIDE, FOR CHALMERS IS THE HOLLAR FAMILY HISTORIAN AND

STORYTELLER. THROUGH THE YEARS THEY HAVE LEARNED SO MUCH FROM HIS GREAT STORIES AND OWN PERSONAL EXPERIENCES. HE CERTAINLY HAS BEEN THE BEST FAMILY ROLE MODEL THEY COULD HAVE HAD WHILE GROWING UP. NOW JUDY'S SON HAS BEGUN TELLING HIS OWN SON ABOUT THE MAN NAMED CHALMERS "OF THE BEAUTIFUL SOUL." HE MADE SURE TO CALL CHALMERS SEVERAL WEEKS AGO TO TELL HIM SO. THERE ARE SO MANY SPECIAL OCCASIONS JUDY AND ED CAN RECALL FROM THEIR MANY VISITS TO WOODSTOCK. IN PARTICULAR, JUDY REMEMBERS ONE VISIT WHEN SHE AND HER "CUZ" MADE A VISIT TO THEIR COUSINS, BECKY AND BUDDY HOOVER, OVER IN TOMS BROOK. ALONG THE WAY CHALMERS SPOTTED WHAT APPEARED TO BE A DEAD POSSUM LYING IN THE MIDDLE OF THE ROAD. HE STOPPED THE CAR, GOT OUT, AND WENT OVER TO SEE IF HE COULD DO ANYTHING. HER TWO CUBS WERE OVER AT THE SIDE OF THE ROAD, HAVING JUST SPOTTED THEIR MOTHER. KNOWING NATURE HAD TO TAKE ITS COURSE, HE RETURNED TO THE CAR AND HE AND JUDY DROVE ON. AFTER THEIR VISIT, ON THE WAY BACK THEY AGAIN SAW THE POSSUM, THIS TIME WITH HER BABIES OUT THERE IN THE MIDDLE OF THE STREET TRYING TO REVIVE HER. IT WAS A PITIFUL SIGHT AND HE WORRIED ALOUD ABOUT WHAT THEY WOULD DO TO SURVIVE. NOW, AS ALL OF YOU KNOW, CHALMERS WAS NOT ONE TO LOSE HIS TEMPER, BUT HE DID THAT DAY! HOW COULD PEOPLE DRIVE SO CARELESSLY! YET, ED AND I NEVER HEARD HIM SAY A MEAN WORD ABOUT ANYONE. HIS POSITIVE OUTLOOK ON LIFE IS SUCH A BEAUTIFUL LEGACY. ED SAYS OUR COUSIN MUST HAVE ALWAYS BEEN A FARMER AT HEART, FOR HE REMEMBERS MANY VISITS WHEN CHALMERS NEEDED TO RETURN SOME PIECE OF EQUIPMENT HE HAD BORROWED TO WORK IN HIS LARGE YARD...WHICH HE LOVED DOING, SPEAKING WITH PRIDE WHEN SHOWING US THE NEW FLOWERS HE'D JUST PLANTED. IF IT HADN'T BEEN FOR THEIR BELOVED CHALMERS TAKING THE TIME OVER JUDY'S LIFETIME TO REMAIN IN TOUCH AND TEACH HER AND HER

*FAMILY ABOUT OUR ANCESTORS WHO SETTLED THIS BEAUTIFUL VALLEY, SO MUCH HISTORY WOULD HAVE BEEN LOST. SHE SAYS, "CHALMERS HOLLAR LOVED THIS VALLEY AND FAMILY SO SO MUCH. THROUGH HIS STORIES, TOURS OF WOODSTOCK AND THE 7 BENDS OF THE SHENANDOAH RIVER, AND THE OLD CEMETERIES JUDY'S FAMILY KNOW WHO THEY ARE AND WHERE THEY CAME FROM. THIS LEGACY WILL LIVE ON FOREVER AND BE A SOURCE OF GREAT PRIDE. IS THERE A FAMILY MEMBER WHO DOES NOT FEEL THIS WAY? IT WILL BE TOUGH NOT TO HAVE OUR "GO TO GUY" AROUND, BUT HE REMAINS WITH US STILL, IN OUR MEMORIES OF HIS WARM BLUE EYES, SEAMAN'S GAIT, AND GENUINE SMILE. WE WERE ALL PART OF HIS FAMILY, HOLLAR OR NOT. HE LOVED US AND WE "LOVE HIM RIGHT BACK," AS HE ALWAYS ENDED OUR CONVERSATIONS WITH. cHALMERS, WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR FRIENDSHIP, LEADERSHIP, AND LOVING DEVOTION TO US ALL."*

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**Judy and Ed Blonski** - June 10, 2012 at 12:00 AM

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*“ We will truly miss Chalmers - he was such a wonderful gentleman - a true gentleman. He was a fine man. Our condolences to everyone in the family. Kathy*

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**Kathy Neff** - June 09, 2012 at 12:00 AM

HA

“ To the Hollar Family: So sorry to hear of the passing of a great man, he will be dearly missed by all. I have known Mr. Ben Hollar for over 50 years, and thought of him as a second father, and was lucky to have been able to spend some very quality time at his residence not too long ago. I know he is in a better place now, and able to see the wonderful friends, and family who preceded him. My thoughts and prayers are with all of you during this difficult time. RIP Chief Harry Ismer

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Harry - June 09, 2012 at 12:00 AM