



Mr. Claude Funkhouser

August 22, 1921 - June 30, 2011

Claude Funkhouser Jr. of Bethesda, Maryland, 89, who served the Navy in a patent advisory capacity for approximately 28 years, died June 30, 2011 at ManorCare Potomac in Potomac, MD. He had cancer. He was born in St. Joseph, Missouri, one of two children of Claude Funkhouser Sr. and Julia Jordan Funkhouser. His sister, Julia Funkhouser Cox, predeceased him. Mr. Funkhouser graduated from the School of Engineering of the University of Missouri and then served as a First Lieutenant in the Field Artillery of the U.S. Army in France, Luxembourg and Germany during World War II. After military service, he was employed as a Patent Examiner in the U.S. Patent Office and graduated from George Washington University Law School, earning a Doctor of Jurisprudence degree.

Mr. Funkhouser was in private practice as a Patent Agent in Washington, DC and in Birmingham, Alabama. He was also in practice as a Patent Attorney in Alabama. He was a member of the Bar in Alabama and a Registered Professional Engineer in the District of Columbia and the State of Alabama. He was admitted to practice before the U.S. and Canadian Patent Offices, the U.S. Court of Customs and Patent Appeals and the Supreme Court of the United States. Before retiring in 1976, he had been involved in many types of patent matters at several Navy Commands and locations in the Washington, DC area and other parts of the country.

A resident of the Washington, DC area since 1946, he was a member of the Bethesda Presbyterian Church where he served at different times as Deacon,

Elder, Trustee, and Stephen Minister. He also served as President of the Hillmead Citizens Association and was an avid ham radio operator and enthusiast.

Mr. Funkhouser was married in 1947 to Kathryn Luther of Hartsville, SC. Together they reared two children, a daughter and a son, and were fortunate to be able to celebrate their 64th wedding anniversary. In addition to his wife, surviving Mr. Funkhouser are daughter Claudia Funkhouser Everitt, and her husband Edward Foster Everitt both of Bethesda, MD; son Stephen Jordan Funkhouser of Gastonia, NC; grandson John Patrick Berger of Montgomery Village, MD and great granddaughters Corbyn Alexandra Pingel and Julia Lauren Berger. Also surviving are his niece Cynthia Cox McElroy and her family of Fairfax, VA and nephew Gregory Byrd Cox of St. Joseph, MO. Expressions of sympathy may be made in the form of contributions to Bethesda Presbyterian Church, 7611 Clarendon Road, Bethesda, MD 20814. Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Tuesday, July 5, 2011 at the Brown-Pennington-Atkins Funeral Home Chapel with burial to follow in Magnolia Cemetery. The family will receive friends from 10-11 a.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.

Cemetery Details

Magnolia Cemetery

140 South Cedar Lane
Hartsville, SC 29550
(843) 383-3004

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 5. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Brown-Pennington-Atkins Funeral Home
306 W. Home Ave.
Hartsville, SC 29550
(843) 332-6531
info@bpafuneralhome.com
<http://www.bpafuneralhome.com>

Service

JUL 5. 11:00 AM (ET)

Brown-Pennington-Atkins Funeral Home Chapel
306 W Home Ave
Hartsville, SC

Tribute Wall



“ *Brown - Pennington - Atkins Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Mr. Claude Funkhouser*



Brown-Pennington-Atkins Funeral Home - June 30, 2011 at 12:00 AM

TL

“ *Aunt Kate, Claudia, Steve, and Patrick,
I am sorry Cindy and I could not attend Uncle Claude's services.
He was a great man and I know has left a big void in your lives.
Please accept our deepest sympathy.
Tommy and Cindy Rogers*

Thomas L.Rogers, Jr. - July 26, 2011 at 08:22 PM

JD

“ *Aunt Kate, Claudia, Steve and Patrick
I will always remember the smile and gentle ways of Uncle Claude. I
am sure he is having a great conversation with my DAD now. May
God comfort you in the upcoming days and give you peace to
continue for his glory.*

Jennie Luther DeWitt

Jennie Luther DeWitt - July 06, 2011 at 12:21 PM

RB

“ I am sorry to hear of your loss. Please be comforted by the words of John 5:28 that reads: "Marvel not at this for the hour is coming when all that are in the graves shall hear his voice and come forth." Also Acts 24:15 that reads: "There is going to be a resurrection of both the righteous and the unrighteous." I hope that these scriptures will help you cope with the loss of your loved one.

R Brown - July 03, 2011 at 06:51 AM