



Hoyle Newton "Pop" Poppell

September 21, 1913 - April 12, 2008

Hoyle Newton "Pop" Poppell, born September 21, 1913 in Jamaica, GA, passed away at his residence in West Palm Beach, Florida on April 12, 2008. He was predeceased by his parents, Martha Illinois Crandall and Henry McCray Poppell, several siblings and wives, Marie G. Newsom and Prudencia Flood Rhoden.

Mr. Poppell spent his adult life working on the railroad. At eighteen, he began working as a fireman on steam locomotives with Seaboard Air and Railroad. He worked thru the ranks to become a train engineer and drove all of the diesel trains we have today. His routes carried him all through North Florida, Georgia and South Carolina. He retired in 1978 from Seaboard Coast Line and continued to ride the train at every opportunity. Mr. Poppell became a Mason in 1945.

He and his wife, Marie, lived in Andrews and Hartsville, SC for many years. In the eve of his life, he married Prudencia Flood Rhoden, a friend from his early days with the railroad. He moved to West Palm Beach where they lived for several years. He returned to West Palm Beach in 2007 to reside and be near his step-daughters.

Survivors include daughters, Amanda St John and Angela Rhoden; granddaughters, Cynthia Core and Melissa Bennett; great granddaughters, Lucy and MiMi Core; cousin, Marie Rodgers.

Donations in his memory may be made to the Hospice of Palm Beach County, 5300 East Avenue, West Palm Beach, FL 33407 or North Hartsville Baptist

Church, 1117 Patrick Hwy., Hartsville, SC 29550.

Tribute Wall



“ *Amanda and Angela and All,*

Prayers and comfort are offered during this time of saying Good-Bye to Hoyle. He was an important person to your family and gave your Mother much pleasure during her last years. You all are to be commended for the constant, loving care you gave him after her passing.

*Much Love, Mary Jane##imported-begin##Mary Jane
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