

Gene M. Harris

September 11, 1934 - April 22, 2013



HAMPTON - Gene Harris died Monday, April 22, 2013 at home with his loving family by his side. After graduating from Covington High School, Gene came to the peninsula in 1952 to attend the Apprentice School at Newport News Shipbuilding and continued to study at Christopher Newport College. He retired from the shipyard after 34 years. Gene was a stalwart member of Bethany United Methodist Church for more than 50 years and served in many of the lay positions. Gene's mild manner and willingness to help others were traits he exhibited in his daily living. He was a loving and dedicated husband, father, and grandfather and enjoyed spending time with his family. Gene also enjoyed traveling, gardening, and watching and reading westerns. He married the love of his life, Dolores Guthrie prior to a short stint in the Army. In addition to his wife of 56 years, Gene is survived by his daughter, Lisa Smith and Rodney Beggs; son, Christopher Harris and wife, Carmen; sister, Mary Ann Luther; brother, Ray Harris and wife, Nareta; and three grandsons, Tyler Smith, Brandon Harris, and Hudson Harris. The family will receive friends Thursday, April 25, from 6-7:30 p.m. at the Peninsula Funeral Home. Services will be held there on Friday at 1 p.m. with interment to follow in Peninsula Memorial Park. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Bethany UMC, Tyler Hall.