



Francis Linwood Rowe

March 2, 1923 - November 6, 2018

Gloucester: Francis Linwood Rowe, 95, passed away on November 6, 2018. He was a charter member of Gloucester Point Baptist Church and the Abingdon Ruritan Club where he had the distinction of being the oldest member on roll. Francis was a World War II veteran having served in the US Navy and a retired fire fighter at the Coast Guard Station, Yorktown.

He was a loving husband, father, grandfather and great-grandfather. Francis loved people, never met a stranger and always felt blessed with many friends. His lifelong passion was fishing and he enjoyed woodworking and gardening. He especially loved making blue bird houses and giving them away to friends.

Francis was preceded in death by his beloved wife of 70 years, Hazel Belvin Rowe; his parents, Samuel Emmett Rowe and Mildred Riley Rowe; three brothers, Samuel Emmett Rowe, Jr., Edward Leslie Rowe and Hugh Riley Rowe; two sisters, Charlotte Rowe Dell and Amy Rowe Johnson; and son-in-law, Joseph Carlyle Brown, Jr.

He is survived by three loving daughters, Frances Rowe Woods and her husband, Joe, Judith Rowe Mays and her husband, Joe and Nan Rowe Evans and her husband, Ken; four grandsons, Kenneth Carlyle Brown and his wife, Melissa, Matthew Francis Brown, Kevin Ross Mays and his wife, Leigh and Andrew Todd Evans and his wife, Natalie; seven great-grandchildren, Francesca Rae Brown, Bryce John Brown, Fletcher Matthew Brown, Mitchell Carlyle Brown and Kylie Michelle Brown and Tyson Joseph Mays and Jackson Churchill Mays; a sister, Bessie Rowe Berry; and numerous nieces and nephews.

The family will receive friends on Saturday, November 10, 2018, from 10 until 11:30 a.m. at Gloucester Point Baptist Church. A service to celebrate his life will follow the visitation at 11:30 a.m. with Reverend Bud Goude and Reverend Richard Whiteheart officiating. Interment will follow in Rosewell Memorial Garden Cemetery.

The family wishes to extend a special thank you to the staff and caregivers at Commonwealth Senior Living at Gloucester House and to Dr. David Alpert and the staff of Gloucester Riverside Internal Medicine.

In memory of Francis L. Rowe, please consider memorial contributions to Gloucester Point Baptist Church Capital Improvement Fund, P. O. Box 305, Gloucester Point, VA 23062 or the Abingdon Volunteer Fire and Rescue, P. O. Box 9, Bena, VA 23018.

Arrangements under the direction of Hogg Funeral Home and Crematory, Gloucester Point. Please visit www.hoggfh.com to share condolences and memories.

Cemetery

Rosewell Memorial Gardens

Providence Road
Hayes, VA, 23072

Events

NOV **Visitation** 10:00AM - 11:30AM

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Gloucester Point Baptist Church
7741 Terrapin Cove Road, Gloucester Point, VA, US,
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NOV **Funeral Service** 11:30AM

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Comments



“ Like literally thousands of people, I loved Francis Rowe. When Chip and I naively moved next door into the unrenovated old Franklin Haywood home on the Severn River in Bena in 1968, (which we had bought with 5 acres of land for \$26,000.00) a home without electricity, heat or water, we were saved by our neighbors Francis and Hazel Rowe. Yes, we were saved as neither Chip nor I had ever lived in the country of had any idea how to survive. It didn't take Francis long to come over and ask if he could be of any help. The first thing Francis did for us was dig a well in the center of driveway circle and we hit water at 15 feet! Were we happy! Francis hooked everything up and voila! we had water coming out of all our taps! That was great but when the first frost came we awoke shivering with no heat! Again, Francis showed up and asked if we would like him to hook up a space heater in our bedroom using one of the old fireplaces to pipe out the exhaust. I will never forget when Francis poured in the kerosene and lit the space heater and we were soon warm and cozy. I know Francis had a lot of laughs along the way with us as Chip and I learned how to make improvements in the old house. We loved the three girls, our daughter Liz played for hours and hours with Nan and their sets of Barbie dolls, and when Wake was born, he played with Re's new son. One happy memory was her son and Wake approaching a mud puddle which Wake immediate jumped into and he came out covered in mud standing right next to his friend who stood in clean white outfit! It was like looking at a couple of toddlers in a " before and after picture!" While I'm thinking of all the Rowe's, may I also mention another memory...Hazel's 7 layer vanilla cake with chocolate frosting?! I just hope one of the girls has that recipe. It was and still is the best cake I have ever eaten! Thinking of our dear friends and neighbors during this sad time. We love you

With great affection,
Mary Wakefield Buxton
Urbanna, VA

Mary Wakefield Buxton - November 09, 2018 at 12:11 PM



“ So sorry to hear about Mr. Rowe passing. He was always a joy to be around when we were at Gloucester House. He was a true friend to our mom and us. He will be greatly missed by all.
Bob an Diane Faulkner

Bob Faulkner - November 09, 2018 at 09:27 AM



“ Sorry For Your Loss
Jesus Christ Loves Me
We Are Special



Thomas Widgeon - November 08, 2018 at 06:18 PM