



David Horace Sherwood

March 28, 1925 - February 28, 2018

David Horace “Dave” Sherwood, recently of Newnan, Georgia, and long-time resident of Bristol, Virginia, died Wednesday, February 28, 2018, a month short of his 93rd birthday. Born in Easton, Pennsylvania, on March 28, 1925, Dave spent his youth in Merion, PA on the Main Line outside of Philadelphia where he graduated from Lower Merion High School in 1943. He joined the US Army after graduation and was sent to basic training at Camp Shelby in Hattiesburg, Mississippi, a move he talked about for years to come because it introduced him to a part of the country he had never experienced.

Dave was then deployed to Algiers in North Africa, subsisting on Hershey bars and Coca-Cola’s during his entire voyage overseas (his sweet tooth followed him the rest of his life). While in North Africa, he was assigned the U.S. Office of Strategic Services (OSS), the precursor to the CIA and Special Forces, all because he had an ingrown toenail. He couldn’t stand or walk, so he was kept overnight while his troop was sent back to their post. When he was finally able to go back himself, they’d moved on to Italy and he was given the OSS assignment, which included training agents in small arms use and how to parachute out of a plane while loaded with gear. Dave didn’t fully realize the secrecy of what they were doing until he wrote home to his mother to tell her about their missions, and his letter was returned to him cut up. He never spoke much about the War once he left the service, but he enjoyed telling a couple stories: one about King George VI visiting their camp, and the other,

which he was always especially excited to share, about working alongside actress Maureen O'Hara.

After the War, Dave was honorably discharged as a Sergeant. He moved back to Pennsylvania and worked for U.S. Plywood, later to be Champion Building Products, with whom he spent his career. He was promoted to Assistant Manager and transferred from Philadelphia to Allentown, then transferred again as a Branch Manager to Bristol, Tennessee. He and his wife of 57 years, Virginia, settled down in Bristol, VA and raised their family. Dave was a member of State Street United Methodist Church in Bristol and a longtime member of the Men's Fellowship Sunday School Class and then the Solaris Sunday School Class. He was also a member of the Bristol Country Club and an avid supporter of his son's athletic teams. Dave was a kind, honest and humble man, whose generosity was felt by all who knew him. He will be remembered for his love of family and friends, God and Country.

He is pre-deceased by his parents Albert & Gertrude Sherwood; his siblings Amanda Dean, Albert "Bud" Sherwood Jr. and George Sherwood; his wife Virginia "Hun" Sherwood and his grandson Joseph Sherwood. He is survived by sons David (Lisa) of Southern Pines, NC, Mitchell (Melinda) of Newnan, GA, and Charts of Charlotte, NC; grandchildren John Eyre "Jack," Mac, Evan, Landon, Sam and Virginia "Jenna" Sherwood, and step-granddaughters Janet Marie and Amanda Gunnels. Services will be held at State Street UMC in Bristol, VA at 4pm on Friday, March 23, 2018, then the Sherwood family will gather this summer to spread Dave's and Hun's ashes together in Destin, FL, their favorite vacation spot for many years. In lieu of flowers, please donate to the Joseph Clay Sherwood Memorial Scholarship Fund. For more information about this scholarship, please contact the Coweta Community Foundation at 770-253-1833 or www.cowetafoundation.org/donate Condolences may be expressed to the family online at www.mckoon.com.

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Cemetery Details

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Previous Events

Service

MAR 23. 4:00 PM (ET)

State Street United Methodist Church
300 W. Valley Drive
Bristol, VA 24201

Tribute Wall

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“ *Mitch and family,
I was so sorry to read of Dave's death in the paper this morning. He was such a delight to be with . He really thought so much of his family and talked about you all so much. I'm sure he will be greatly missed. And I am so glad we got to meet him and spend some time with him.
My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.
Nancy Burks*

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