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William I. "Bill, Buck" Alfree, age 89, of Rehoboth Beach, DE passed away peacefully on Friday, January 9, 2015 at the Seasons Hospice Center & Palliative Care of Delaware in Newark, DE. He was born on April 17, 1925 in New Castle, DE, 10 of 11 children to the late William Francis and Abbie (Sharpe) Alfree.

Buck enlisted in the United States Navy during World War II. During this time, Buck was selected to participate in the Navy's newest amphibious training called the Underwater Demolition Team (UDT) which was the precursor to the Navy Seals. The sailors were known as "Frogmen".

While living in New Castle, DE, Buck volunteered at St. Peter's Church and served as Scout master for the Boy Scouts. He was also a member of St. Anthony's Club, the local VFW and American Legions in both New Castle and Rehoboth Beach, DE areas.

Buck was an excellent craftsman and all around handyman. He enjoyed doing wood projects for his family and friends. He retired as Facilities Maintenance Supervisor from Grotto Pizza.

In addition to his parents, Buck was preceded in death by his wife, Dorothy "Dot" Alfree on December 24, 2014, his sisters, Gladys Hartnett, Frances Hinton, Myrtle Coccagna, Catherine Welch and Phyllis Fox; his brothers: Charles "Eben," Woodrow and John; and his faithful dog Cee Cee. Buck is survived by his children, Bill (Jeri) of Reddington Beach, FL, Mike (Barbara) of New Castle, DE, Gerald of New Castle, DE, Hank (Beth) of Wilmington, DE and Felicine (Bob) Oakes of Hockessin, DE; 14 grandchildren, and 10 great-grandchildren; his sisters, Helen McCafferty and Elma Bolen both of New Castle, DE.

A joint visitation for Buck and Dot will be held on Sunday, January 25, 2015 from 3 to 5 at Krienen & Griffith Funeral Home, 34 West 6th Street, New Castle 19720. Burial will be private at the Delaware Veterans Memorial Cemetery in Bear, DE.



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In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made in Buck's memory to Wounded Warrior Project, PO Box 758517, Topeka, KS 66675 or Delaware Humane Association, 701 A Street, Wilmington, DE 19801.

Please sign Buck's guestbook located on this site.

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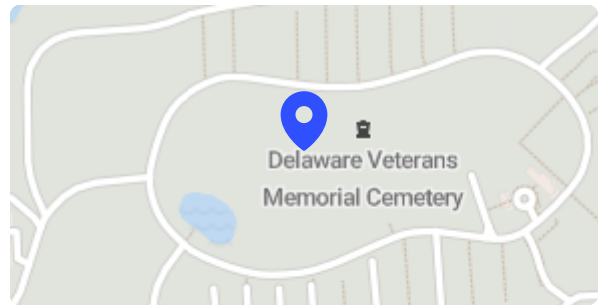
Burial

 **Monday**, January 1, 1753

 1:00 AM ET

 **Delaware Veterans Memorial Cemetery-Bear**

2465 CHESAPEAKE CITY ROAD, BEAR DE





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CK

Carol Keresty posted:

My deepest sympathy to all in the family. May the best memories of Bill bring you peace and comfort. With you in my thoughts and prayers. Carol Keresty

January 20 at 8:00 PM

SW

Sam And Gerri Weaver posted:

We want to extend our sympathy to the family. Bill and Dot will always will be remembered as great neighbors and friends. He was always there to help us with our place at 26 Candlelight Lane and the times spent on picnics and porch discussions will be remembered with fondness. He become like a father to us and Dot was a special lady. Cee Cee always greeted us and made life fun for our grandkids. They will be truly missed. Love you both!!!!

January 20 at 8:00 PM

BP

Bob Pruchniewski (Commander A.L. Post 5) posted:

Our prayers and thoughts are with you and your family.

January 19 at 8:00 PM

MD

Michele And Joe Dellafera posted:

Hank: Soooooo sorry to hear of your Mother and Father's passing. You and Beth and the whole Alfree gang are in our thoughts and prayers.Love, Michele and Joe

January 18 at 8:00 PM

MH

Mitch & Joshua Hill posted:

Hank and Rory,Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your entire family. God Bless.

January 17 at 8:00 PM

LS

Leo/Eileen Sweeney posted:

To Mike and Hank,Our sympathy to you and your families on your loss.Sincerely,Leo John & Eileen Sweeneyw

January 16 at 8:00 PM



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DP

Dominick A. Pulieri posted:

To the family,Bucky was not only an employee of Grotto Pizza, but also a personal friend of mine. I am sorry for your loss...Dominick A. Pulieri, Grotto Pizza, Owner

January 15 at 8:00 PM

MD

Maureen Dunlap posted:

Our warmest condolences,Maureen and Michael Dunlap

January 15 at 8:00 PM

RB

Rhonda Stevens Bellak posted:

Jerry,I am so very sorry to hear about the passing of your Dad. My deepest sympathies and condolences to you and your family.Rhon

January 14 at 8:00 PM

DC

Dave Chicosky posted:

Rest in PEACE, Uncle Buck! T thank you for your service to our country and for setting an example of how to be a great American!

January 14 at 8:00 PM

MO

Monica posted:

Rest in peace Uncle Buck! I will miss you. love you

January 14 at 8:00 PM

FK

Florence Kehne posted:

Friend of dot and buck from colonial east. He was always ready to help with any mobile home problem .

January 14 at 8:00 PM



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EP

Ed Pankowski posted:

My heartfelt condolences to the entire Alfree Family upon the passing of your beloved parents Dot and Buck...they were lovely, kind folks who raised a great family.....My prayers are with you all

January 14 at 8:00 PM

JA

James posted:

To the Alfree Family: I am sorry to hear about the passing of Buck and Dot. May the God of Comfort give you the strength as you try to deal with the loss of Buck and Dot (2 Corinthians 1:3). It is times like this that make us look forward to the time when God will remove death from the earth (Isaiah 25:8).

January 13 at 8:00 PM

RE

Rebecca posted:

U were my best friend , my hero. And I'm going to miss you like crazy. I love u to the moon and back poppop

January 13 at 8:00 PM

DD

Dakota Dalton posted:

The greatest man i ever net hes the only man that came into my life and stayed i love you pop pop i will miss you

January 13 at 8:00 PM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring William by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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