Harold Alton Bridger, 78, of Suffolk, VA, passed away peacefully on May 15, 2014, at Obici Sentara Hospital after a short illness. He was deeply loved by his family who was by his side for his final days and hours. Born in Norfolk, VA, to Alton and Abbie Bridger, he was a graduate of Great Bridge High School and the College of William and Mary. He began his career with Ford Motor Company at the Norfolk Assembly Plant and retired at 52 as the manager of Quality Assurance. He was a devoted "Ford Man" until his death. He dearly loved his Lord and was a member of First Baptist Church in Suffolk, VA, where he faithfully taught the Men's Sunday school class for years. Many wonderful memories were made with his golf buddies and cherished friends. He was happiest spending time at home on the lake with his faithful companions, pets Sam, Buddy, and Suzie. Harold married his childhood friend and sweetheart, Barbara Newton Bridger, and would have celebrated 59 years of marriage in August. He is survived by his faithful and loving wife, Barbara, three children, Dean Bridger and wife Georgette of Suffolk, VA, Dennis Bridger and wife Jenny of Suffolk, VA, and Diane Bridger Hawkins and husband Jess of Morehead City, NC; ten grandchildren and spouses, and three great-grandchildren. Visitation will be held at R. W. Baker & Co. Funeral Home and Crematory, 509 W. Washington Street, Suffolk, VA 23434 on Sunday, May 18, 2014 from 7-8:30 PM. A funeral service celebrating his life will be Monday, May 19, 2014 at 11:00 AM at First Baptist Church, 237 N. Main Street, Suffolk, VA. Private family burial will follow. Flowers are welcomed and memorial gifts can be made to First Baptist Church, Suffolk VA, Church Renovation Fund. Condolences may be shared with the family at www.rwbakerfh.com.
Guestbook

Bobby and Faye Beale

Barbara and family, Please know that our thoughts and prayers are with you. May God continue to be your source of comfort, strength and peace in the days to come. We will always remember Mr. Bridger's sweet smile, friendly conversation and, of course, his pipe. We will also remember his love for his Lord and his family.

Bobby and Faye Beale

Rob and Ann-Marie Robinson

Diane, you and your family are in our prayers. We are so sorry for your loss.

Rob and Ann-Marie Robinson

Diane and John Poag

Diane and Family, We are so very sorry for your loss. We pray that God will give you both peace and strength as you go through these difficult days. Diane...we will see you when you get home.

Love, Diane and John Poag

Diane and John Poag

Jim Thompson, Morehead City

I never met Mr. Bridger or members of his family, other than Diane Hawkins, who is our choir director at First Baptist, Morehead City. However, after reading his beautiful obituary I am certain of the reward this fine man is now enjoying. I am also certain of one more thing: he surely must have died very proud of his daughter, Diane. As a father myself, that is a priceless thing.

Jim Thompson, Morehead City

Jerry & Kathy Clonts

Diane, Jess, Mari, and Leigh . . . you and your family are in our prayers. If Mr. Bridger was anything like you guys he must have been a wonderful, caring, and loving man. We love you.

Jerry and Kathy Clonts

Nancy Sharpe

Diane and Jess and Mari and Leigh, Our family is lifting you all up in prayer. It is so hard to imagine life without someone you love so much. God will give the grace to see you through this time until you can rejoice with your dad and granddad around the throne of the King!

Nancy Sharpe
I just received Diane's message. I am so sorry to hear about Harold. I know that you will find peace and comfort in our loving Savior. I will call you.

Peggy Thompson

Dean, Georgette & Family, Our Thoughts & Prayers Go Out To All Of You! We Know It's Hard To Lose Both Of Your Daddy's With Only Ten Days Apart! With Love & Sympathy Nancy & Jackie Bean

Nancy Bean

Dean, Dennis, I'm sorry to hear about your dad. That video brought back memories. He will be missed. My thoughts and prayers are with all your family. Tommy and Lisa

Tommy Childress

Barbara, Diane, Dean and Dennis, Time has passed and our paths did not seem cross, but I remember. Harold was that kind of guy. You do not forget people like Harold. He stays in that special place in the back of your mind and returns on those occasions when you recall those good times that make you smile. He will remain there together with all of you.

Ron Saunders

I want to express my deepest condolences to the entire Bridger family on the passing of my Uncle Harold. Looking back at all the pictures posted I can tell you guys have a beautiful family and glad to see that God has been a big part of that. Although the years have past, I still have fond memories of family picnics. The natural bonds of family will always be there. I am proud to have had a great man like Harold to call my Uncle. To my Aunt Barbara and Cousins Dean, Diane and Dennis, I love you guys.

Jason Freeman
Dear Barbara, Diane, Dean, Dennis and family,
We share in your deep sorrow but also in your joyful assurance that Harold is now with his Savior. Can we imagine the depth of worship and exploration he’s experiencing now! We'll keep praying for Christ's healing comfort for you all. And we'll keep gratefully remembering and smiling when we think of our friend until we join him someday in heaven. We love you all! ???

David & Lynn

David & Lynn Chambless

Barbara and family, I want to express my sympathy for your loss. It has been many years since we were neighbors. Dennis was one of Barry's best friends. I pray that God will give you the peace and strength that only He can give at this difficult time.

Carolyn Owens Moore

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