

William Glenn Raby, 77, of Indian Head, Md., died Thursday, March 13, 2008, at Washington Hospital Center, Washington, D.C.

Born Dec. 21, 1930, in Leonardtown, he was the son of the late Arvin G. Raby and the late Lottie Mae Saunders. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his brother, Charles Raby.

He graduated from La Plata High School. He was a self-employed drywall contractor. His hobbies were reading and baseball. He was a U.S. Army veteran, serving in the Korean War from 1952-54; and was honorably discharged. He was a lifetime member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

He was most grateful for becoming a committed Christian. Prayer and scripture gave him comfort in his sickness. His favorite Bible verse was 1 John 4:18. He was most proud of his family, military service and work with AA. He was independent, resourceful, outgoing, a perfectionist in his work, and had a great sense of humor.

He is survived by his wife whom he married Sept. 17, 1983, Mildred H. Raby; children, Donna Reynolds of Pocahontas, Va., William Raby Jr. of Waldorf, Lillian Weeks of Indian Head, and Robert Raby of Accokeek; stepchildren, Bethh Krammes of Nashua, N.H., Christopher O'Reilly and Stephen O'Reilly of Hudson, N.H., and Cathy Thornton of La Plata; siblings, Willa Mae Foster of Franklin, Gene "Fireball" Tracy and Johnny Raby of Waldorf, Mildred Weston of Bryans Road, Glenn "Bubba" Raby of Safety Harbor, Fla., and Joyce Ann Harold of Powhatan, Va.; grandchildren, Toni Roberson, Lisa Owens, Michael Weeks, Chrissy KleinSchmidt, Cheryl Neal, Leslie Vickers, Amber Raby and Bobby Raby Jr.; stepgrandchildren, Jammi Kennedy, Billy O'Reilly, Alec Thornton and Clayton Thornton; and great-grandchildren, Hunter Roberson, Michael Weeks, Kent Weeks, Gregory Kleinschmidt, Bryan Weeks, Kelsey Vickers, Kendall Vickers and Madison Medugno.

Visitation was held Thursday, March 20, at Williams Funeral Home.

A funeral service was held Friday, March 21, at 11:30 a.m., at Marbury Baptist Church.

Burial was at Maryland Veterans Cemetery in Cheltenham. Pallbearers were William Raby Jr., Robert Raby, Chris O'Reilly, Steve O'Reilly, Gene "Fireball" Raby and Tracy Raby. Honoray pallbearers were Glenn "Bubba" Raby, Johnny Raby, Michael Weeks and Robert Raby Jr.

Memorial contributions may be made to Marbury Baptist Church, 4620 Bicknell Rd., Marbury, MD 20658.

Williams Funeral Home, Indian Head, was in charge of the arrangements.

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