



Albert Hughes "Junior" Roseberry, Jr.

June 19, 1926 - August 22, 2014

Albert Hughes "Junior" Roseberry, Jr. of Manassas, 88, died August 22, 2014 following a brief illness.

The fifth child of Albert H. Roseberry and Catherine K. Roseberry, Junior Roseberry was born June 19, 1926 in Manassas at the historic Liberia house, then a part of the Robert Portner Annaburg estate. His father served as the estate's farm manager, and Junior enjoyed telling stories of growing-up on the grand farm that the Roseberry's called "the Portner Place." He was a lifelong resident of Manassas, and is preceded in death by his siblings Bert M. Roseberry, John Y. Roseberry, Sr., Edward K. Roseberry, Sr. and Mary R. Compton of Manassas, and Mildred R. Taylor of Cranston, RI.

A 1944 graduate of Osbourn High School, Mr. Roseberry was the recipient of the school's Lipscomb Award for outstanding scholar and athlete. He was State Treasurer of the Future Farmers of America, a member of the varsity Football, Basketball and Baseball teams, and later played with the local "Manassas Macs" baseball team. In 1943, at the initiative of his older brother Kite Roseberry, the Roseberry family moved from the Portner place to Signal Hill Farm, purchased from the Arrington family. The Roseberry family continued to farm at Signal Hill through the 1990's. The family farm was sold by Junior Roseberry and his sister-in-law Mary G. Roseberry in 1997, and the land is currently known as "Roseberry," a housing development.

Mr. Roseberry was a veteran of the Korean War where he served as a radio operator. Upon return from Korea, he worked a short while with his older brother John, learning the electrical and plumbing trades. In 1953 he married Virginia Gouldin of Richmond, Virginia, and shortly thereafter founded his own plumbing and electrical contracting business which operated for over 40 years, serving many long-time Manassas residents and businesses. John N. Golladay of Manassas Park was an indispensable part of the operation until the business closed its doors.

An active member of Manassas Baptist Church for over 77 years, Mr. Roseberry served in many capacities including Sunday School Teacher, Building and Grounds and Personnel Committee members, Centennial Committee member, Pipe Organ Committee member, Deacon and Trustee. He also served on two pastor search committees and two building committees, acting as chair of construction for the main church building in 1965 and in a similar capacity for the Chapel of the Good Shepherd in 1985. He undoubtedly achieved more satisfaction from these two building endeavors than any other, and considered his faith and service to the church a central part of his life.

For almost 60 years, Mr. Roseberry served as a member of the Veterans Farm Club, sponsors of the Prince William County Fair, and was for over 30 years its president, presiding over the expansion of the Fairgrounds and County Fair to become the largest agricultural fair in the state of Virginia. He had attended the fair as usual the week preceding his death.

In the last 20 years, Mr. Roseberry spoke often of how much joy and happiness his wife Bettie brought him. They enjoyed frequent trips to the family farm in Augusta County, Virginia, where he constructed a second home for their retirement. Even with moderate symptoms of Alzheimer's, Mr.

Roseberry took great satisfaction in maintaining the many buildings, fields, and fences associated with owning a working cattle farm.

He is survived by his wife, Bettie Compton Roseberry, his three sons Bert A. Roseberry of Manassas, VA, W. Neal Roseberry of Great Falls, VA, A. Tedd Roseberry of Christchurch, Virginia; a daughter-in-law. Elana M. Roseberry of Christchurch, VA; a stepdaughter Alison M. Caruso; his first wife, Virginia G. Roseberry of Richmond, VA; three nephews, Tom W. Muddiman of Manassas, John Y. Roseberry, Jr. of Nokesville, Edward K. Roseberry, Jr. of Manassas, three nieces, Catherine G. Roseberry, Linda T. Bustamante and Jean R. Beech their spouses, and numerous great nieces and great nephews.

Arrangements have been made through Pierce Funeral Home in Manassas, VA. The funeral will take place at Manassas Baptist Church, 8800 Sudley Road, Manassas, Friday, August 29, at 11 a.m. with burial following at Cannon Branch Cemetery. The family will receive friends on Thursday, August 28, from 4-7 PM at Pierce Funeral Home, 9609 Center Street, Manassas.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to the Alzheimer's Association, or Manassas Baptist Church.

Cemetery Details

Cannon Branch Cemetery

9756 Godwin Drive
Manassas, VA 20110

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 28. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Pierce Funeral Home
9609 Center St.
Manassas, VA 20110
(703) 257-6028
pfh@piercefh.com
<https://www.piercefh.com>

Service

AUG 29. 11:00 AM (ET)

Manassas Baptist Church
8800 Sudley Road
Manassas, VA 20110

Tribute Wall

PG

“ So very sorry about the passing of your husband, Junior. We are sending our condolences to you and the family.
Meade and Pam Gwinn

P Gwinn - October 02, 2014 at 12:46 PM

BA

“ Thoughts and prayers are with you and Alison. So sorry to hear of Jr.'s passing. He was a good friend to many.
Betty Anderson

betty anderson - August 29, 2014 at 08:24 AM

DV

“ *Bettie,*
Sorry for your lost. Junior was such a nice man. I enjoyed talking with him especially when he reminisced about my parents and what wonderful dancers they were. He always knew the right thing to say.
Debbie Cornwell Vandyke

Debbie Vandyke - August 28, 2014 at 02:12 PM

MC

“ *Prayers to the family love you all Mabel Campbell*

Mabel Campbell - August 27, 2014 at 08:03 PM

DR

“ I had the good fortune to know Junior for many years working the pwc fair I will remember him forever. We only saw each other at the fair and conventions but they were great times. He will be missed by one and all. Sue and I were shocked by his passing. All our best to the Roseberry family. Betty and Allison he was a great man. Rudy and Sue

delbert rudolph - August 26, 2014 at 07:40 PM

MC

“ Bettie and Alison,

Our hearts and prayers are there beside you .. Junior was always so kind to both Bob and I throughout all the years we have been privileged to be part of the Fair Family .. he was a true gentleman - caring, compassionate and gracious .. he always made time to sit and talk, sharing memories of both life and the Fair .. and he had a heart like God's .. full of love .. his smile and hug always came straight from that heart .. I will treasure each smile and hug, each word of encouragement and support forever, Junior .. I know that today you are celebrating your Homecoming and I'm picturing you sitting on a bench up there, talking to God .. Both of you laughing and hugging .. May God bless your family and friends with the peace and joy you know in His Presence .. One day, we will dance together again in heaven .. We love you, Bob and Mary Clarke

mary and bob clarke - August 26, 2014 at 07:08 PM

AW

“ Junior was always cheerful and full of life. I grew up working at the Fair and remember the wonderful words of wisdom that he shared. Hoping that the wonderful memories help during this difficult time. Thoughts and Prayers~ Andrea Lewis Weakley

Andrea Lewis Weakley - August 26, 2014 at 01:00 PM

JE

“ Betty,

Our thoughts and prayers are with you and the family. Jack and Linda Earhart

Jack Earhart - August 26, 2014 at 11:00 AM

SB

“ *We knew Betty and Alison first as they were some of our first neighbors when we moved in on Zimbro Ave. My daughters and Alison became friends. A little later we met Junior through Betty. Junior remained one of the friendliest and nicest people that I've ever had the pleasure of knowing - basically "very good folk". Always down to earth. Always a positive attitude. Junior will be greatly missed. My condolences to Betty and Alison and the extended Roseberry family. - Saul Beacher and Family*

Saul Beacher - August 25, 2014 at 10:07 PM

EB

“ *I remember when Junior became Alison's step father. He was always making sure that Alison and I stayed out of trouble or making us laugh with one of his jokes. I haven't been around manassas for awhile, but those are one of the fond memories I have from my childhood. I am pleased to say that Junior was around to be a part of some of those fond memories. My family and I will keep you in our thoughts and prayers.*

*Erin " Beacher " Masoner and Samuel Masoner
Dylan and Sam Jr.*

Ft. Bragg, NC

Erin Beacher-Masoner - August 25, 2014 at 09:56 PM

MM

“ We so enjoyed getting to know Junior when he married Bettie and moved in to the house next to us on Zimbro Ave. He was always so happy and friendly and we missed them when they moved onto Park Street. We'll keep you in our thoughts and prayers.

*Mark and Maureen Matty
North Huntingdon PA.*

maureen Matty - August 25, 2014 at 03:53 PM

BD

“ I grew up in the FAIR & Jr. knew me all my life. He loved to tease my Mom & me about various things. We always had a good time in FAIR week.

This year Jr. looked up in the middle of a conversation & said "I feel sorry for you" to my husband. Always the joker.

Jr. will be missed.

Our sincere condolences to Betty & other relatives. We have asked for prayers from our church family for all the Roseberrys in this time.

Betty Griffith Dickerson & husband Doug

Betty Dickerson - August 25, 2014 at 01:54 PM

RF

“ Junior was a special person to so many people, and it was a privilege to consider him a true friend. Not only did he love his family, but he had a love and passion for the Prince William County Fair, where he gave countless hours of his time. I had the opportunity to sit with him just over two weeks ago at the fair, and he said then, "this is more than a fair, its family". That is so true, and we all have Junior to thank for his part in making all of us that have ever been associated with the fair share the feeling of family. I know he always treated me that way, and I'm sure he wouldn't have wanted anything more than to spend the last few days of his life with all of "his family". Time spent with Junior will be treasured forever. He will be missed and always fondly remembered. - Randy Fox

Randy Fox - August 25, 2014 at 10:07 AM

LG

Junior was indeed a very special person...he was cherished & loved by all who knew him...I had the honor of being part of the Prince William County Fair Family for several years...Junior was always there to encourage us and make us all laugh...He was truly a treasure and will be greatly missed by all...

Laurie Galambos - August 26, 2014 at 11:07 AM

RM

“ Rita McBride lit a candle in memory of Albert Hughes "Junior" Roseberry, Jr.



Rita McBride - August 24, 2014 at 09:22 PM

RM

Junior always had a smile on his face having known him since 1984 by working the fai he always checking on me to see if there was anything he could. YOU WILL BE GREATLY MISSED. My prayers for Bettie and the rest of the family

Rita McBride - August 24, 2014 at 09:28 PM