



Robert Donald Sizemore

April 24, 1932 - March 24, 2023

Robert Donald Sizemore, a man who lived his life in faithfulness to Christ; in loving devotion to his wife, his family and friends; and in service to his country, passed away peacefully at his Manassas home on Friday, March 24, 2023. He was 90.

Born on April 24, 1932 in Covel, W.Va. – in the heart of coal country – he grew up among 17 siblings. He enjoyed playing football for his team at Mount Hope High School so much he had to walk five miles from the practice field to his home at the Red Star Coal Camp near Oak Hill, W.Va. But before he could graduate he had to quit school to help support his family.

Mr. Sizemore enlisted in the Navy as the nation faced a new war on the Korean peninsula in 1950. Assigned to the destroyer USS John W. Thomason with the 7th Fleet, he served as a metalsmith (blacksmith) fireman. The Thomason participated in multiple actions, and when it took on severe damage to its hull Mr. Sizemore and his crew mates took the initiative to stuff holes in her hull with mattresses and pieces of lumber in order to keep the ship afloat as it made its way back to safety for repairs. For his honorable service he earned multiple military ribbons.

Mr. Sizemore returned to West Virginia after his service and met the gal of his dreams, Carol. On one of their earlier dates he told her he was going to marry

her, to which she replied, "in your dreams." That dream lasted more than 64 years as they were joined in matrimony on December 29, 1958.

He worked at odd jobs to start off supporting Carol but settled on carpentry when on a hunch he applied at a job site. Not knowing a thing about carpentry, he would just follow the lead of the more experienced crewmen. In the end he developed skills to build additions to his home, decks and a large barn on his property. But he retired from the Prince William Service Authority after 21 years, in 2000 as Infiltration/Inflow Supervisor.

Living in Manassas since 1963, he also enjoyed fishing, hunting and watching football, especially the Washington Redskins, the West Virginia Mountaineers and Navy. He was a longtime member of Emmanuel Baptist Church, serving as a deacon.

He was preceded in death by his father, Miles Ellis Sizemore; his mother, Anna Mae; along with 14 siblings Luther, Jessie, Mabel, Junior, Carl, Ethel, Ruth, Helen, Jean, June, David, Patricia, Jack and Beverly.

He is survived by his loving wife, Carol; three daughters , Kathy Sizemore with her husband Jeff Pijanowski; Cynthia Bittner with her husband Steve Bittner; and Robin Sizemore. Also surviving are five grandchildren, Lura Kate Pijanowski, Shane Bittner and his wife Katie Bittner, Carolyn Pijanowski, Hannah Bittner and Bethany Bittner; and three siblings, Bill, Shirley and Jan.

Visitation will be held at Pierce Funeral Home on Thursday, March 30, from 4 o'clock to 7 o'clock. Funeral services will be held at Emmanuel Baptist Church on Friday, March 31, 2023, at 9 a.m. Burial will be at Quantico National Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, the family request donations be made either to Capital

Caring Hospice or Emmanuel Baptist Church, 8006 Centreville Rd, Manassas, VA 20111.

Cemetery Details

Quantico National Cemetery

18424 Joplin Rd
Triangle, VA 22172-1636
(703) 221-2183

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 30. 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>

Funeral Service

MAR 31. 9:00 AM (ET)

Emmanuel Baptist Church
8006 Centreville Road
Manassas, VA

Tribute Wall



“ *My prayers are with you all. Mr. Sizemore was a wonderful man and a great example of a follower of Jesus Christ.* ”

Becky Taylor - March 31, 2023 at 10:11 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Robert Donald Sizemore.* ”



March 29, 2023 at 09:25 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Robert Donald Sizemore.* ”



March 29, 2023 at 11:00 AM



“ *Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Robert Donald Sizemore.* ”



March 29, 2023 at 10:21 AM

CJ

“ Colonel Jack B. Slimp, Jr. purchased the Pink Tribute Spray for the family of Robert Donald Sizemore.



Colonel Jack B. Slimp, Jr. - March 29, 2023 at 12:20 AM

JS

“ Bob was a true gentleman, a true friend, and one of the finest people I had the pleasure of working with, he will be missed by his family and all who knew him. This picture is truly who Bob was, coffee cup in hand and a smile on his face. John Scott

John Scott - March 28, 2023 at 07:08 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Robert Donald Sizemore.



March 28, 2023 at 04:40 PM

PP

“ Dearest Carol and Family,
it is with a heavy heart. I write this... Bob will certainly be missed by all as he was an exceptional man! Always cheerful, compassionate, caring, giving and loving with a service heart. He was always positive joking and encouraging, friends, and strangers he encountered. I will always be grateful for you all being with me when I lost my parents. I know Bob is in a better place drinking a black cup of coffee. He will not be forgotten and will always live in my heart.



Pat Price - March 28, 2023 at 04:25 PM

DG

“ Davis, Esther & Girls purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Robert Donald Sizemore.



Davis, Esther & Girls - March 28, 2023 at 04:17 PM

LM

“ Bob and Carol were the best when it came to helping others. Carol would have Bob always doing things for people such as working at the church or doing things for other people. Bob and I really had some good times together. I think of the many trips to Lancaster, Pa. with the Sunday school class and the wonderful bible studies. Thanks to Bob and Carol for their tireless hours spent with my sweet wife Mary's sickness before she went on to meet her Lord and Savior. I know that her and Bob are in the presents of our Lord . My thoughts are with you Carol and the family in this time of the loss of such a great and wonderful Servant of the Lord. Your friend in the Lord, L.W. & Mickey Bolton

L.W. Bolton and Mickey - March 27, 2023 at 02:35 PM

MB

“ *Bob and Carol were some of my parents best friends. They were so supportive when my mom was sick and we're always there when needed. Peace to the family during this difficult time. We know he's with the Lord now.*

Melinda B Benson - March 27, 2023 at 11:04 AM

TT

“ *I met Bob and Carol through my mutual friend, John Hutton. I knew him as a great father and husband. He lived his faith and I was so happy to have known Bob. My condolences to Carol and children.*

Theresa Thompson - March 27, 2023 at 09:29 AM

MT

“ *Bob was a great man! We thoroughly enjoyed knowing him and spending time with him while we were at Emmanuel. Always smiling, and standing as a man of faith, I know he was a great family man, and I am sure that he will be missed very much. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all. Marilyn and Art Tate*

Marilyn Tate - March 27, 2023 at 08:30 AM

DD

“ *1 file added to the album A cherished friend*



Debbie David - March 26, 2023 at 09:52 PM

JW

Bob and Carol were a team! Bob always made you feel welcome and always had a sweet smile. He was a faithful man of God! I know the Lord met him at the pearly gates and said "Well done thy good and Faithful servant"! Carol our hearts are broken for your loss. Our prayers are with you and your sweet family! Love and prayers.

Jeanne Whitman - March 27, 2023 at 10:11 AM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Robert Donald Sizemore.



March 26, 2023 at 06:25 PM

VF

“ Bob would always give me a hug when I got to church. Such a special man.

Virginia French - March 26, 2023 at 04:44 PM

VF

“ Bob was one of the finest men I have ever known. I am so sad to hear of his passing, but I know he is with the Lord now.

Virginia French - March 26, 2023 at 04:41 PM

TM

“ The Allens - Rich Linda V and Mary purchased the Heavenly Grace Spray for the family of Robert Donald Sizemore.



The Allens - Rich Linda V and Mary - March 25, 2023 at 06:21 PM