



Rodney McCathran,

July 22, 1932 - May 16, 2012

RODNEY RATHBONE McCATHRAN, JR., age 79 of Berne, New York, formerly of Manassas, Virginia passed away Wednesday, May 16, 2012 at Prince William Hospital, Manassas.

Rodney was born July 22, 1932 in White Plains, New York son of the late Rodney R. McCathran, Sr. and Eleanor (Smith) McCathran. He was an avid bowler and canoeist, fondly called "The River Master". He enjoyed music, playing spoons with the "Knox Traditional Strings" and Pickin' and Grinnin' with fellow musicians. He enjoyed participating in Civil War reenactments. He served as a structural mechanic in the U.S. Navy and was a member of the Tailhook Squadron aboard the USS Coral Sea and other carriers.

Survivors include his faithful golden retriever, Gideon; four children, Cheryl L. McCathran and significant other Joe Mikrut, Scott E. McCathran, Robert S. McCathran, Edie McCathran Lane and husband J.D. Lane, Jr.; two he loved as daughters, Tori Evans and husband Jason, and Marli Lockitsky; sister, Ruth Smith; brother, Frank McCathran and wife Carol Anne; two grandchildren, Ethan Lane and Madeline Lane; former spouses Carole F. Lockitsky and Patricia E. Wedel. He was preceded in death by son-in-law, Steven M. Banks.

The family will receive friends from 6:30-7:30 P.M. Monday, May 21, 2012 at Pierce Funeral Home, 9609 Center Street, Manassas where funeral services

will be held 7:30 P.M. Monday with Burt Robinson officiating. Interment will be private.

Expressions of sympathy may take the form of flowers, or contributions to Manassas Therapy Dogs, 9636 Park Street, Manassas, Virginia 20110.

Condolences may be sent to www.piercefh.com.