



## Robert W Van Meter

May 27, 1934 - January 7, 2014

Mardela Springs- Robert Wention Van Meter, 79, of Mardela Springs, passed Tuesday, January 7, 2014 at University of Maryland Shock Trauma in Baltimore surrounded by his loving family.

He was born May 27, 1934 in Cumberland, Maryland, a son of the late Clarence and Janie (Mace) Van Meter.

Robert left his education behind and proudly served his country in the U.S. Navy from 1951 to 1955, where he was assigned to the USS Coral Sea. After his discharge from the Navy he worked various jobs in boat building before working for almost 40 years as a carpenter and millwright for Local Union 2012 in Seaford. He also worked 50 years as a Wicomico County school bus contractor, a job he shared with his wife, Eleanor. He was a long time member of St. Paul's United Methodist Church in Laurel, where he sung in the choir and served as a trustee. He was also Past President of the Sharptown Lions Club and a member of Dor-Wic American Legion, Post 218 in Sharptown. In addition to loving his family and always putting them first, he loved hunting, especially with his rabbit dogs, fishing, watching old westerns and professional wrestling. One of his proudest accomplishments was completing his education by earning his high school diploma in 2007.

He is survived by his wife of 56 years, Eleanor Van Meter; a son, Robert (Bob) A. Van Meter (Joan) of Mardela Springs; 3 daughters, Dee Calloway of Mardela Springs, Wendy Catlin (Ed) of Salisbury and Janet Fox (Andy) of Sharptown; 7 grandchildren, April Shiles (Kory), Brandon Catlin (Amanda),

Robbie Van Meter (Megan), Thomas Calloway III (Cheryl), Nathan Catlin, CPL Katie Maldonado (Bennie) and Jessica Fox; 4 great grandchildren, Kayden, Brant, Kellen and Bennie; 2 sisters, Jill Bedsworth of Salisbury and Linda Johnson of Florida; and several nieces and nephews. He is also survived by his faithful dog, "Midget."

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a grandson, Thomas Calloway; 3 brothers, Ronnie (his twin), Jack and Junior; and 3 sisters, Doris, Helen and Gladys.

A visitation for family and friends will be held on Saturday, January 11, 2014 from 7:00 to 9:00 at Short Funeral Home in Delmar, and also Sunday from 1:00 to 2:00. A funeral service will begin at 2:00 Sunday at the funeral home, officiated by Reverend Rebecca Rollins. Interment with military honors will follow at Mardela Memorial Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made in his memory to St. Paul's United Methodist Church, 32827 Old Stage Road, Laurel, DE 19956, or Mardela Springs Volunteer Fire Department, P.O. Box 123, Mardela Springs, MD 21837.

Arrangements are being handled by Short Funeral Home of Delmar. To send online condolences to the family, please visit [www.shortfh.com](http://www.shortfh.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Mardela Memorial Cemetery

Mardela Springs, MD 21837

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 11. 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

Short Funeral Home  
13 E Grove Street  
Delmar, DE 19940  
(302) 846-2525

## Visitation

JAN 12. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

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## Service

JAN 12. 2:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ Short Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Robert W Van Meter



Short Funeral Home - January 07, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ Robert W Van Meter

January 29, 2023 at 01:28 PM



“ Dear Eleanor: Don't know if you remember the Wildauer family in your school bus driving days. I'm Rosanne Cangialosi and I helped out with the care of the children. Jeffrey and Joey both rode your bus to Mardela High School. I'm sorry to hear of your husband's passing, and though I didn't know him, I'm sure you will be missing him in the days and years to come. I will keep you and your loved ones in my prayers during this difficult time.

Rosanne Cangialosi - January 11, 2014 at 09:26 AM



“ I am so sorry for your loss. I can't be there but I sent a gift. I will be keeping your all in my thoughts and prayers.

Laurie Reeves

Laurie Reeves - January 10, 2014 at 11:17 AM

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“ *John And Sandy Sullivan sent a virtual gift in  
memory of Robert W Van Meter*



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**John and Sandy Sullivan** - January 10, 2014 at 08:53 AM