



W. Cary Adshead

August 5, 1936 - February 4, 2022

Walter “Cary” Adshead, 85, of Sharptown, passed away Friday, February 4, 2022, at his daughter’s home in Newport News, Virginia. He was born August 5, 1936, in Sharptown, a son of the late Walter and Ida (Riggin) Adshead. He graduated from Mardela High School with the class of 1955. After graduating, Cary was drafted into the U.S. Army where he served 2 years in West Germany with the 3rd Infantry Division during the Cold War. After his return to the States, he continued to serve 4 years in the reserves. After his discharge, he married his high school sweetheart, Rebecca “Becky” Bennett and they proudly raised their twin daughters, Karen Lynn and Sharon Ann. Cary retired in 1992 after 33 years of service as a pipefitter at the DuPont Co. in Seaford. He was an avid reader, enjoyed yard work, loved to travel and enjoyed visiting destinations in the south such as Savannah, New Orleans, Memphis, St. Augustine and his favorite city, Charleston.

Cary served 9 years on the Sharptown Town Board, was a member of the American Legion Post #218 and a lifetime member of the Sharptown Fire Department. He was also a Master Mason with Roelma Lodge #206 in Sharptown, a 32nd degree Mason with the Scottish Rite Valley of Salisbury, a Shriner and a member of NUR Temple in Wilmington, Delaware. He was also a longtime member of Mt. Vernon United Methodist Church in Sharptown and had recently been attending Bayview Baptist Church in Laurel.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by brothers, William Lester in 1947, George Lawrence in 1991, Ronald Edward in 2018, daughter,

Karen Lynn in 1993, and his beloved wife, Becky in 2018.

He is survived by his sister, Carol Jones of Seaford; daughter, Sharon Adshead Bramble and husband, James; grandsons, Nicklaus Cary Doyle and Jacob Bennett Bramble, all of Newport News, Virginia. He is also survived by several nieces and nephews.

A celebration of Cary's life will be held on Sunday, February 27, 2022, at Mt. Vernon United Methodist Church in Sharptown at 2:00 p.m. where friends may call from 1:00 to 2:00. Interment with military honors will follow at Firemen's Cemetery in Sharptown.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made in his memory to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital at www.stjude.org, or Shriners Hospital for Children at <https://www.shrinerschildrens.org/locations/westvirginia> or the Delmarva Emerald Society, care of Chris O'Barskey, 29560 Millstream Drive, Salisbury, MD 21804.

Arrangements are in the care of Short Funeral Home in Delmar. Online condolences may be sent to the family by visiting www.shortfh.com.

Cemetery Details

Firemen's Cemetery

Sharptown, MD

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB **27**. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Mt. Vernon United Methodist Church
Sharptown, MD

Celebration of Life

FEB **27**. 2:00 PM (ET)

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Sharptown, MD

Tribute Wall



“ *Short Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of W. Cary Adshead*



Short Funeral Home - February 27, 2022 at 04:58 PM



“ *171 files added to the album LifeTributes*



Short Funeral Home - February 27, 2022 at 08:36 AM



“ *Fairest of All was purchased for the family of W. Cary Adshead.*



February 26, 2022 at 10:14 AM

JH

“ I met Cary in 2018 after his beloved Becky passed. We both attended the Coastal Hospice Grief Support Group every Friday. I never knew Becky but she must have been a wonderful girl to have the total love and devotion of such a fine man. His was a life well lived.....Jenny D Hall, Snow Hill, Md

Jenny D Hall - February 20, 2022 at 03:44 PM

PW

“ To the family of Cary Adshead,
We are sending our deepest sympathies. We have you in our thoughts and prayers at this sad time. We have many fond and happy memories of our classmate.

Fondly,
Phyllis Bounds Webster & Marge Wesley Mitchell
Class of 1955

Phyllis Webster - February 15, 2022 at 08:25 PM

JC

“ “Cary” was how we knew Walter Cary at the Coastal Hospice grief sharing group. He was warm, kind, sad, and sometimes funny. We always waited for his turn to speak.
I was so sorry to hear of his passing. It was a privilege to have known him. Jan Caviglia.

Jan Caviglia - February 13, 2022 at 11:47 AM

JF

“ Sharon, I am so sorry to hear about Mr. Cary. He walked alot and would stop and talk to me often. I will not be able to attend his funeral. But you are in my thoughts and prayers. I pray you find comfort in your memories.

JANET Lynn FOX - February 10, 2022 at 09:50 AM