

Linwood Earl 'Buddy' Wilds

January 7, 2017
Resided in Midlothian, VA

Obituary

WILDS, Linwood Earl "Buddy," 86, of Midlothian, Va., went to be with his Heavenly Father on Saturday, January 7, 2017. He was the son of Samuel Emmitt and Ethel Floyd Johnson Wilds. He passed away at the Bickford of Chesterfield, while under their loving care, aided by Intrepid Hospice of Chester, Va. He is survived by his wife of 65 years, Joyce Strickland Wilds; his brother, Samuel Emmitt (Skeeter) Wilds; his children, Niki Lynn Hamill (Roger) and Mark Samuel Wilds (Debra); six grandchildren, 12 great-grandchildren; and "Maxx" (his dog and constant companion). The family would like to thank his loving homecare nurses, with a special thank you to his beloved, Debbie. He retired from E.I. Dupont, where he worked with the maintenance department as an electrician for 43 years. He was a founding member of the Manchester Volunteer Rescue Squad of Chesterfield, Va. He was a semi-professional baseball player, who pitched for the teams and leagues like the Franklin Cubs of Virginia League. He was called up from this league to play for the minor league of the Cubs Organization. He also played for the Portsmouth Cubs, Beasley in the Twilight League, the Naval Reserve of Independent Leagues and the Monarch League of Midlothian. He pitched against greats like Whitey Ford. He received the start of his life-long career at Dupont in exchange for pitching for their baseball team. He was an avid fisherman and he shared his love of fishing with all of his grandchildren at his river house on the Potomac. He was an honorable member of the United States Coast Guard. The Reverend Kameron Wilds, Buddy's grandson, will officiate the funeral service at Bliley's-Chippenham, located at 6900 Hull Street Rd., Richmond, Va. 23224, on Wednesday, January 11, 2017, at 2 p.m. Visitation will be held one hour prior to the services. The interment will follow in Dale Memorial Park. In lieu of flowers, the family would like donations to be made in Buddy's honor to the Manchester Volunteer Rescue Squad, 7810 Winterpock Rd., Chesterfield, Va. 23832.

