



Virgil L. Tremblay

October 5, 1921 - March 26, 2014

Virgil L. Tremblay, 92, passed away peacefully on March 26, 2014 at Hospice of Northwest Ohio surrounded by his loving family. He was born on October 5, 1921 to Lawrence and Ruth (Richmond) Tremblay in Newcomb, Tennessee. By the age of ten, he had lived in five states following his father who worked in the logging industry. He graduated from Seneca High School in Buffalo, NY with honors and enlisted in the U.S. Naval Cadet Program to become an aviator. During WWII as a Lieutenant Senior, he instructed both U.S. and French navel cadets how to fly fighter planes. Knowing the value of hard work instilled in him at an early age, Virgil excelled in several jobs after the war. He was a painter, rigger, sewing machine manager, and a real estate salesman/broker for Sawicki Realty and Tremblay and Associates Realtors showing pride in everything that he did and bestowing integrity and craftsmanship. Virgil was best known as a custom home builder in the greater Toledo area for over thirty years working side by side with his sons for Tremblay Custom Builders.

Virgil was also an avid sports fan. He was often seen wearing his favorite team logos and colors especially that of the Tennessee Volunteers, Buffalo Bills, and Detroit Tigers. His greatest joy, though, came from watching his sons and grandsons sporting events. Rarely missing a game, he was their biggest fan. In addition to his love for country and family, Virgil was strong in his faith in God being a longtime member and servant of the First Baptist Church of Greater Toledo where he taught Sunday school and sang in the choir. In his later years, he spent much of his time writing memoirs and religious writings depicting his strong faith in the Lord.

Virgil will be remembered as a dedicated and loving husband, father, grandfather, and great-grandfather. He was preceded in death by his parents and sister, Violet. He is survived by his loving wife of 70 years, Bernice; sons, Michael (Monique) and John (Cheryl); grandsons, Timothy, Chad, Mathew, and Christopher; great-grandsons Jonah and Jacob.

The family wishes to extend their deep gratitude for the wonderful medical care provided

by Dr. Randy Climo, Dr. Kesari Sarikonda, and the compassionate staff of Hospice of Northwest Ohio. Special and sincere thanks are also extended to faithful friends, Al Kern, Tom and Flossie Townsend and Tom and Kathy Young.

Virgil's family will receive friends after 10:00am on Saturday April 26, 2014 at the First Baptist Church, 6520 Pilliod Road, in Holland where a memorial service will immediately follow beginning at 11:00am. A luncheon will be held at the church following the service. A private family burial will take place in Jellico, Tennessee at a later date. Memorial contributions may be made to First Baptist Church or Hospice of Northwest Ohio.

Comments



“ Dear Tremblay family,
I was saddened to read of Virgil's passing. I had the pleasure of wallpapering some of his fine homes including his last big one on Pilliod. I was always impressed with his craftsmanship and integrity. John, because of you and your dad's ethics, you were the only builders that I ever did business with.
It was always a pleasure! Peace to you all.
Karen

Karen Keefer - April 28, 2014 at 09:55 PM



“ As his obituary so eloquently disclosed, Virgil was a true American hero in war and peace.

As a member of the "greatest generation," Virgil achieved the extraordinary position of Naval Officer and flight aviator instructor, undoubtedly saving many lives of the innumerable Navy pilots to whom he gave expert flight training. In peacetime, he had many professions culminating in his career as a high quality custom home builder of great integrity.

Most important, Virgil was fervent and true Christian and wonderful friend. We all hope to be blessed to see him again in his heavenly home.

Tom Young - April 25, 2014 at 06:07 PM



“ John, Sorry to read about your father. I remember him being at all your kids games although I didn't know him that well I could tell how interested he was in his family. I'll be thinking about you in the days ahead. I would still like to have that lunch with you some day. Joe Conklin

Joe Conklin - April 22, 2014 at 09:16 PM



“ Sorry to hear of your loss. We would have liked to have attended the memorial service, however, unfortunately, we will be out of the country. Virgil was a great family man and we are sure he will be missed.

Paul & Jill Avery - April 20, 2014 at 11:46 AM