



Clarence Donald Lail

November 25, 1925 - March 16, 2012

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US Navy (Retired)

On Friday, March 16, 2012 of Springfield, VA. Beloved husband of the late Mary Lou Lail; Father of Donnie Lail (Diane), Karen Sargent (Jim), and Vernon Lail (Meg); Brother of Vesta Goodwin, Clyde Lail, Jack Lail, Hazel Hubbard; Grandfather of 6; Great-grandfather of 2.

Master Chief Petty Officer Lail had a 23-year career with the Navy that included service in WW II under the command of Admiral Arleigh Burke in the DesRon 23 Destroyer Squadron. This unit was also known as the "Little Beavers" and was the one USN destroyer squadron of WW II awarded a group Presidential Unit Citation. In 1983, Chief Lail helped organize the first squadron joint reunion and Admiral and Mrs. Burke were honored guests. After retiring from the USN Chief Lail worked for the USPS headquarters for 15 years.

Relatives and friends may call at Jefferson Funeral Chapel. 5755 Castlewellan Dr. Alexandria, VA 22315 on Thursday, March 22 from 5-8 p.m. Funeral Service at Greenspring Village Chapel, 7410 Spring Village Dr. Springfield, VA 22150 on Friday, March 23 at 12 p.m.

Inurnment Quantico National Cemetery. In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made to the charity of your choice.

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“ I am going to miss Uncle Red. I have very fond memories of growing up with him..Water Skiing with the rope in his teeth, walking to our house in Springfield during a snow storm, him looking at me like I was crazy when I was explaining Facebook to him (he was already on it :) I aspire to be as good to family, and as quick to laugh as he and Marylou were.

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“ Red was a special uncle to me. I enjoyed visiting him and Mary Lou (my mother's sister) out on the east coast. I was always so welcomed. I was even introduced to Barack Obama's great uncle at their retirement home. And of course Red and I enjoyed the same side of politics. It was fun and memorable, and so good to have Red as my uncle.

March 20, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ My wife and I met Red just a few months ago and were enjoying our association. We will miss him. Our condolences to his family

March 20, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ Donnie, I m so sorry to read of your Dad's passing. I know its taken an emotional toll on you, Diane and the rest of your family going back to your Mom. My thoughts and prayers are with you as you send your Dad on his next great Journey. Take good care my friend. I m here if you need me. Bob Doney

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“ Vernon and family, we are saddened to hear of Red's transition. Will always remember family get togethers and fond memories. We will especially remember the smoked fish that Red did. Muchly enjoyed. He loved fishing. Love to you all.

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“ Sorry for your loss and our prayers are with you.

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“ I will miss his smile and the jokes he used to share.

March 19, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ Clarence "Red" Lail, and his late wife Mary Lou were two of the finest people that I've ever known. I will be forever grateful for the love and support that they gave to my family through all of the years that we have lived in N. VA. May God's blessings flow to Red and Mary Lou, and to their grieving family.

March 19, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ Dear Karen and family, I have you in my thoughts and prayers. I was so sorry to learn of your loss.

March 19, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ Dear Karen, Jim and family, So sorry for your loss. Many blessings, Karin and Tommy

March 19, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ Dear Karen, We were so sorry to hear of your dad's passing. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. Take care, Jean and John

March 19, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ Karen, Sorry to hear of your loss. Smuz and Barb Smerczynski

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