



Jarvis Pearson Pentecost

November 9, 1924 - March 7, 2016

Jarvis Pearson Pentecost, 91, of Alexandria left this earthly realm surrounded by his immediate family on March 7th, 2016 after a brief illness.

He was born in 1924 in Doddsville, Mississippi. He served in the U.S. Marine Corps during World War II as a Private First Class and Corporal and participated in the Battle of Iwo Jima. After the war, he resumed his academics and graduated from Vanderbilt and Peabody Universities. There he met his future wife, Betty Katherine Miller of Elkton, Kentucky. They married in 1950 and recently celebrated their 65th anniversary. Jarvis served as an Investigator for the Atomic Energy Commission. He next joined the United States Department of State in 1956, where he served as an analyst in the Foreign Services Division's Office of Security. He retired from the State Department in January of 1984. He also performed volunteer work with the Cub Scouts, the Ridgeview Civic Association and the First Baptist Church of Alexandria, Virginia.

He is survived by his wife, Betty, of Springfield, Virginia, his daughter, Gwen (Alan) of Pullman, Washington and his son Gregg (Theresa) of Fort Lauderdale, Florida. He is further survived by many relatives and their families in Mississippi, Florida, Maryland & Maine.

His Memorial Service will be held on Friday, March 11th at 1 p.m. at the First Baptist Church of Alexandria, Virginia on King Street. In lieu of flowers, his family suggests donations to the First Baptist Church's W. Cecil Frazier or Harold and Bertha Cumbee Funds or a charity of the donors' choosing.

Although Jarvis has left us, he will live on in the hearts and minds of the many people whose lives he touched. He was known for his strength of character in the face of adversity, his honesty, his renowned sense of humor, his compassion for all of God's creatures great and small, and his sense of awe and wonder of nature and the world. His qualities should serve as an inspiration to us all.

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“ *Jarvis Pearson Pentecost*

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