



Mr. Charles Edward Rappold

September 9, 1923 - June 19, 2016

Charles Edward Rappold was called home on Father's Day, Sunday, June 19, 2016, joining his beloved wife of 68 years, Shirley.

A lifelong Baltimorean, son of Charles Christian and Lillian Mae Rappold. He was born and raised in Clifton Park. He was a graduate of Baltimore Polytechnic Institute in 1941 and soon after enlisted in the Navy. Through the Naval Air Corps he attended the University of Virginia and West Virginia University . May 30, 1944, Ed and his childhood sweetheart, Shirley (Jenkins), married in Pensacola following his Navy Officer Commission. Second Lieutenant Charles Rappold spent the majority of his naval career along the east coast, patrolling our shores for German U Boats during WWII. A devoted patriot, Ed remained in the Naval Reserves, retiring after 20 years of service as a Lieutenant Commander. In that capacity and as a member of the Fleet Reserve, Ed frequently was called to serve as a flag bearer for many of his fallen comrades. He continued to attend Navy Fleet Reserve meetings at the War Memorial well into his 80's, dedicated to such projects as collecting for Toys for Tots and providing Citizenship scholarships for students.

Following WWII, Ed embarked on earning his degree in Electrical Engineering at the Chicago Institute of Technology, becoming one of Baltimore's pioneering Television engineers for WMAR TV Ch2....first to broadcast in Baltimore! Broadcasting from the top of the Mathison building....then the

tallest building in Baltimore. During those early years, when many of us didn't even own television sets yet, Ed was involved in the production of programs such as: The Stu Kerr Show, Cooking with Ann Mar and The Port that Built the City with Helen Delich Bentley. He was regularly the man on camera at ball games on 33rd street and Christmas Eve services at the Cathedral of Mary Our Queen. Those were the days of hauling miles of heavy cable and giant cameras! His television career with WMAR lasted through their move to the York Road station in Rodgers Forge. He retired in 1987 after 40 years of service.

Ed and Shirley raised 3 daughters, beginning in Northwood, then Timonium and finally in Glen Arm. Ed and his family spent their summers camping up and down the east coast and around the Great Lakes and into Canada. In later years, Ed and Shirley enjoyed many cross country trips in their RV and several trips abroad. In their retirement, they enjoyed warm winters in Florida, making many new friends and developing new interests. Ed became a gifted wood carver. All his children and grandchildren received charming hand carved Santa's to cherish for years to come.

In his spare time, Ed became a very respected and successful real estate agent, achieving the status of the "Million Dollar Agent" ...back when homes were selling for \$20,000-\$60,000 in Baltimore and Harford County!

A dedicated member of St John's Lutheran Church on Sweet Air in Jacksonville, he volunteered faithfully for over 40 years. His family is grateful for the years of kind support of their parents' friends and pastoral staff of St John's.

An avid traveler, history buff and inveterate gardener, Ed leaves a legacy of love of country, home, and family to his beloved daughters and their families. He will be dearly missed by his daughters: Nancy Lynda (Rappold) Biancardi

and husband Paul of Houston; Bette Gail (Rappold) Bumgarner and husband Craig of Southern MD; Leslie Kay (Rappold) Wietscher and husband Craig of Towson; Missing their PopPop are granddaughters: Mindy and husband Adam Stoddart (Austin), Georgeanne and husband Derrick Dollar (Ft Worth), Brandi and husband Will Knipscher (Towson), Robin and husband Jason Boyle (Carney); And grandsons: Nolan Wietscher (Baltimore), and Kelton Bumgarner and Erica Maust (Phila). Ed also leaves 7 beautiful great grandchildren: Austin, Benson, Owen, Macy, Lydia, Wes and Benjamin.

The family would like to express their immense gratitude to the staff of Brookdale @ Towson for their unwavering care, love and compassion for our father over the last 4 years.

A Military Honor Guard Ceremony will take place at Garrison Forest Veterans Cemetery @ 1pm.

In Lieu of flowers, donations are encouraged to be made to the Alzheimer's Association: www.Alz.org. Please indicate that your donation is for RESEARCH.

Cemetery Details

Garrison Forest Veterans

11501 Garrison Forest Road
Owings Mills, MD 21117

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 28. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Mitchell - Wiedefeld Funeral Home, Inc.
6500 York Road
Baltimore, MD 21212
(410) 377-8300
general@mwfuneralhome.com

Visitation

JUN 28. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Mitchell - Wiedefeld Funeral Home, Inc.
6500 York Road
Baltimore, MD 21212
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Memorial Service

JUN **29**. 11:00 AM (ET)

St. John's Evangelical Lutheran
3911 Sweet Air Rd
Phoenix, MD 21131
<http://www.stjohnssweetair.org/>

Tribute Wall

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“ While visiting Blake almost daily at Brookdale, I enjoyed getting to know Ed. I would say hello and he always looked up and gave me a little nod. It was like a little secret handshake. He clearly held a special place in the hearts of those that cared for him there. I suspect that touching hearts was something he has always been good at. As I continue my journey at Brookdale, I will miss Ed.-
joanne hampson.

joanne hampson - June 27, 2016 at 08:01 PM

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“ I grew up on Northwood Drive in Timonium and Mr. Rappold was always very nice to me.
Mrs. Rappold referred to me as "fusty boots." I was so happy to visit with them in their country home as an adult and we shared some good memories and laughs.
Nancy Murphy

Nancy Murphy - June 23, 2016 at 05:44 PM

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“ My sincere condolences on the passing of your dad and one of our 'founding fathers'. On behalf of all of the channel 2 family we are deeply appreciative of Mr. Rappold's years of dedicated service to this company and providing the foundation upon which it still exists.

Leslie Wietscher - June 23, 2016 at 03:26 PM