
Elmo M. WILCOX Jr.

NEWPORT NEWS - Elmo Mayo Wilcox Jr., 82, passed away peacefully, surrounded by family and friends, on Sunday, May 29, 2011, after suffering a myriad of health issues. He was born in Richmond, raised in Charles City County, and had lived in Newport News since 1949. He began his career, as a welder, in the shipyard and later, started his own business, Wilcox Bait & Tackle, which has been a source of great pride for the family since 1954. Elmo had always been an avid fisherman and hunter, and his children and grandchildren have inherited his joy. He is well known for boasting shamelessly about those he loves!

Elmo was a member of Ivy Farms Church of the Brethren, a lifetime member of the Virginia Peninsula Sportsman Association, and a member of the Warwick Masonic Lodge #336. His greatest legacy is his example of combining vision with an incredible work ethic to achieve his biggest dreams.

He is survived by the love of his life, Mary Anne Phillips Wilcox; four children, Elmo Wilcox III, Tom Wilcox and his wife, Amy H. Wilcox, Beckie W. Belote and her husband, Jeffrey Belote, and Nathan Wilcox and his wife, Karen W. Wilcox; eight grandchildren, Katie, Sarah and Mason Wilcox, Candice, Summer and Julia Wilcox, and ZoE and Reagan Belote; and his best friend, Jack Russell, Trixie!

Visitation will be from 6 to 7:30 p.m. Thursday, June 2, 2011, at W. J. Smith and Son Funeral Home. A

funeral service will be held at 2 p.m. Friday, June 3, at Ivy Farms Church of the Brethren, with Pastor Ken Peterson officiating. Burial will follow in Peninsula Memorial Park.

Memorial donations may be made to Ivy Farms Church of the Brethren, 681 Dresden Drive, Newport News, VA 23601.

Please leave condolences at www.wjsmithandsonfh.com

Arrangements by W. J. Smith and Son Funeral Home. *View and post condolences on our online guestbook at dailypress.com/guestbooks.*

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