



# **A. Roger Harding, Jr.**

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**A.** Roger Harding, Jr., 85 of Culpeper County died Tuesday, September 20, 2011 at his home. He was born May 16, 1926 in Fauquier County to the late Absalom Rogers Harding, Sr. and Nora Day Harding. Although born in Fauquier, Roger spent most of his life in Culpeper County, graduating from Lignum High School in 1944 before enlisting in the US Army.

A veteran of World War II, Roger served in the European Theater in 1945 and remained in occupied Germany during 1946. He received two Purple Hearts and the Bronze Star for meritorious achievement while serving in combat. He also served during the Korean War as a Master Sergeant in the US Army Reserves, training troops in infantry combat tactics. Roger has been recognized for his faithful military service by having a WWII memorial brick forever placed at the Wine Street WWII Memorial.

After his military service, Roger began work at the Culpeper office of the Virginia Department of Transportation as a bridge engineer and enrolled in engineering studies at Virginia Tech. He worked at the Virginia Department of Transportation until his retirement in 1991. Roger's love of swing and jazz music, exemplified by his piano and guitar playing, was only exceeded by his devotion to his wife, children and grandchildren. Roger was a devoted member of the Richardsville United Methodist Church and faithfully served on the Honor Guard for the Culpeper Chapter of the Veterans' of Foreign Wars until his death.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his wife, Carolyn B. Harding, and three siblings, Genevieve Timberlake, Geraldine H. Walker and Raymond J. Harding.

He is survived by two sons, Rick Harding of Culpeper and David Harding and his wife, Nancy of Frederick, MD, one brother, Trewitt Delano Harding and his wife, Sandra of Spotsylvania, VA, and two grandchildren, Tory Harding and his wife, Krista



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of Nampa, ID, and Grace Harding of Frederick, MD.

Additional survivors include nieces and nephews, William Timberlake and his wife, Diana of Alexandria, Dreama Long of Fredericksburg, Raymond Harding, Jr. and his wife, Teresa of Spotsylvania and Trewdee H. Conrow and her husband, Kevin of Harrisonburg, and eleven great nieces and nephews, Kristi Elles and William Timberlake, Jr., R.J. Harding, Kristie Harding, Ethan Conrow, Richard Long, Steve Rose, Joanna Johncox, Kathleen Shiflett, Carter and Chad Timberlake.

The family will receive friends on Sunday, September 25, 2011 from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. at Found and Sons Funeral Chapel, 850 Sperryville Pike, Culpeper, VA.

A funeral service will be held on Monday, September 26, 2011 at 11 a.m. at Found and Sons Funeral Chapel with Rev. Stan Mulford and Rev. John S. Farrar officiating.

Interment will follow in Culpeper National Cemetery.

Pallbearers will be Tory Harding, William Timberlake, Jr., Kevin Conrow, Steve Rose, Steve Leavell and Kico Hedrick. Alternate pallbearers will be Robert Leavell and Charlie Hedrick, Jr.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made in his name to the Richardsville United Methodist Church, 29235 Richards Ferry Rd, Richardsville, Virginia 22736 &/or V.F.W. Post #2524, PO Box 550, Culpeper, VA 22701.

Found and Sons Funeral Chapel of Culpeper is handling the arrangements.



## Events

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### Visitation

 **Sunday**, September 25, 2011

 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM ET

 **Found and Sons Funeral Chapels & Cremation Service**

850 Sperryville Pike, Culpeper VA 22701



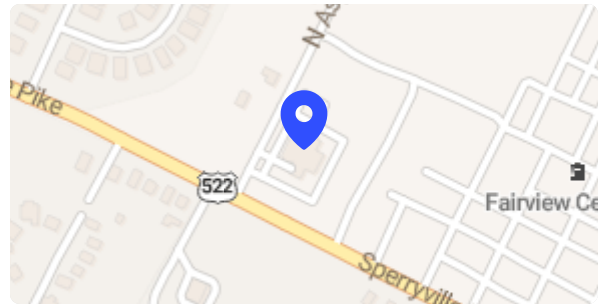
### Service

 **Monday**, September 26, 2011


 11:00 AM ET

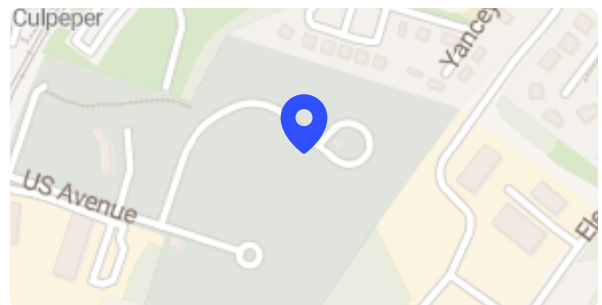
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### Cemetery Details

 **Culpeper National Cemetery (Old)**  
305 US Avenue, Culpeper VA 22701





## Tribute Wall

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TC

**Trewdee Harding Conrow** posted:

Roger's sweetness and gentleness were things I treasured about him as my uncle. His quiet presence was like a warm blanket whenever I was around him. A few years after my college days, Roger once told me he thought I would make a great teacher. I remember thinking after that, "Maybe I missed my true calling." As it turns out, I did become a teacher of sorts for my autistic son, and I know in my heart it has been the Lord's plan all along, this call on my life. What a special thing that my Uncle Roger in his sincerity and genuineness looked at me on a deeper level and expressed what was in his heart. I shall miss him dearly, but I'll see him again! Thank you Jesus!

September 27 at 9:30 AM

LW

**Lilly Whitis** posted:

To the Family of Roger Harding, Jr: I was born and raised on the farmland now known as "Camp Happyland". I went to school with Roger until he enlisted in the military. He was always a quiet gentleman who showed much respect for everyone. He attended the Oakland Baptist Church revival meeting on the 18th of September this year. As was his routine he loved to visit with everyone and enjoy a conversation. When he got to our table, although they had never met, he included my daughter in his conversation as though they had been friends for a long time. It could be said, we could not have "regular" church service when Roger was absent. The evangelist Billy Graham teaches: "When you close your eyes on this Earth, immediately you open your eyes in the presence of Jesus." Praise God what a beautiful revelation to know Roger is elated in Heaven, meeting all his family that have gone on before. We will miss his presence greatly. Rest assured we will be reunited. In the meantime be comforted in the blessing of Numbers 6:22-27: And the LORD spoke to Moses, saying: Speak to Aaron and his sons, saying, This is the way you shall bless the children of Israel. Say to them: The LORD bless you and keep you; The LORD make his face to shine upon you, And be gracious to you; The LORD lift up his countenance upon you, And give you peace." Blessings, Lilly Starkey Whitis Age 82

September 25 at 6:44 PM

BM

**Brenda Marshall** posted:

He was such a kind and thoughtful gentleman. Now he and Carolyn are together -- what a special couple they were. I feel honored to have known both of them.

September 24 at 4:18 PM



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BM

**Brenda Marshall** lit a candle in honor of A..



September 24 at 4:12 PM

MH

**Margaret K. Harding** posted:

Roger drove his brother and me on Saturdays to the movies in Fredericksburg, VA, in the early 50's. Through the years Roger became and remained the closest I ever had to having a brother myself. We've remained in touch all these years, and I last saw him this summer in Richardsville where we grew up in houses less than a mile apart. I shall miss him, especially on trips home, but know that he's now receiving the rewards of the dedicated Christian life he lived while here among us. My heartfelt compassion to Rickie, David, Trewitt, and their families, as well as all other family members who shared the life of this dear, precious Christian man. Marty Harding Harding

September 24 at 1:20 PM

ML

**Michelle Beach Limberick** lit a candle in honor of A..



September 23 at 4:10 AM

TB

**Tiffany Beeler** posted:

I always enjoyed seeing him all dressed up for Color Guard, even though it was usually for a funeral. He was a very kind man.

September 22 at 8:40 AM

CH

**Charlie Hedrick** posted:

Although we mourn the loss of a gentle and kind man, we are comforted to know that he is Home. Roger was a true patriot and hero and we are thankful for his gift and generosity to us. He will be sorely missed. Our prayers go out to his family in that they may find some solace in these trying times. With Love, Charlie and Kelly Hedrick

September 22 at 6:44 AM



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**Gerry Schuck** shared an album called **Homage Ceremony**.



September 20 at 12:15 PM



## Media

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Gerry Schuck shared a photo to the **Homage Ceremony** album.

September 20 at 12:15 PM



Homage



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