

Allen W. Helmandollar Sr.

Allen W. Helmandollar Sr. of Palmyra, Virginia, passed away on Sunday, February 6, 2011, after a long and hard fought battle with an extended illness.

He was born in Charlottesville, Virginia, on January 6, 1921, at the University of Virginia Medical Center.

He was preceded in death by his loving wife of 49 years, Joyce Helmandollar. He was also preceded in death by his sisters, Sara, Pearl and Jo; and brothers, Walter, Mason and Clay.

Soon after his birth, his family moved to West Virginia where he spent much of his childhood in Asco Hollow, and returned many times in his later years for family reunions. At the age of 14, he was enrolled at Miller Manual Labor School in Batesville, Virginia, where he graduated in 1941.

Following his graduation, he joined the [United States Navy](#) where he served for 23 years. During his duty, he served in the [World War II](#) and Korean conflicts. Retiring with the rank of Lieutenant Commander he returned to his beloved Miller School, and was an educator in the Machine Shop. He also served as Director of Facilities for the school. He continued his teaching career at CATEC as an instructor in the machine and welding shop. His method of teaching, leadership and discipline influenced many young men.

Along with his career he was very active in his support of the Miller School Alumni Association. He was a member of the Crozet Lions Club for many years - where he was well known as "Loose Nut" in many variety shows.

Allen Helmandollar loved life! He enjoyed fishing and crabbing with his family on the Potomac River. He took great pleasure in a good game of horseshoes with family and friends as often as possible.

He is survived by four children, Susan Carver of Charlottesville, Joni Peters of Manquin, Allen Helmandollar and his wife Beth of Troy and Barbara Helmandollar of Palmyra. He is also survived by his grandchildren Lena Hurtt, Hunter Oberg, Corinne Oberg and Ginny Helmandollar along with many additional family members and friends who loved and respected him.

To remember our fathers please join us from 6 until 8 p.m. Wednesday, February 9, 2011, Anderson Funeral Home in Crozet, Virginia. He will be laid to rest at Arlington National Cemetery with date to be announced.

In lieu of flowers please make donations to the Miller School Alumni or the [Alzheimer's Association](#) .

Donations may be made to the following address:

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