



Mr. Verless Robert Coffey, Jr.

September 14, 2020 - January 19, 2013

Verless Robert Coffey Jr., 92, of Mattoon, passed away at 12:10 p.m., Saturday, January 19, 2013, at Sarah Bush Lincoln Health Care.

Graveside services will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Friday, January 25, 2013, in RestHaven Memorial Gardens, Mattoon. Pastor Parker Booth will officiate. Military Funeral Honors will be performed by Mattoon VFW Post #4325 and the Illinois National Guard. There will be no visitation. The family has entrusted Mitchell-Jerdan Funeral Home, 1200 Wabash Avenue, Mattoon, IL, with arrangements.

Verless was born on September 14, 1920 in Mattoon, Illinois, the son of Verless Robert Sr., and Alpha (Perry) Coffey. He married Willa Mae Roberson on February 2, 1946 in Mattoon, Illinois. She passed away on May 22, 1993.

Surviving are three sons: Charles Robert Coffey, and his wife Donna, of Mattoon, Illinois; John Riley Coffey of Loveland, Colorado; and Roger Dale Coffey, and his wife Jan, of Bolingbrook, Illinois; Eight grandchildren: Robert Coffey, and his wife Marcia, of Mattoon, Illinois; Chris Coffey, and his wife Angie, of Bushton, Illinois; Brad Coffey; Melissa Rardin, and her husband Bill; Greg Coffey, and his wife Sarah; all of Mattoon, Illinois; Alpha Peterson, and her husband Chris; Miranda Coffey; and Zena Coffey; all of Bolingbrook, Illinois; one 'granddaughter', Montana Ikemire of Colorado; 13 Great-grandchildren; and one sister, Wilma Tucker of Wildwood, Florida.

In addition to his loving wife, Willa, Verless was preceded in death by his parents; two sisters: Wanda Schlaiss and Harriett Coffey; two brothers: Gerald and Clayton Coffey; and one granddaughter-in-

law, Jill Coffey. \r\n\r\nMr. Coffey was a veteran of World War II. He served his country proudly in the United States Navy from January of 1942 until November of 1945, as 1st Class Petty Officer. Most of his time serving was spent in the South Pacific. He then spent four years in the reserves. Verless was employed at Illinois Consolidated Telephone Company for 11-years, before finally retiring from Columbia Machine in Mattoon after 20 years. He was a life member of the Mattoon VFW Post #4325, and was an active in Boy Scout leadership from 1958 through 1966. Verless attended First Baptist Church in Mattoon. He was a 1941 graduate of Mattoon High School.

\r\n\r\nMemorial donations may be made in his honor to Peace Meal Kitchen, 301 Lafayette Ave E, Mattoon, IL 61938; Mattoon Community Food Center, 600 Moultrie Ave, Mattoon, IL 61938; or Bushton Christian Church, 15089 Water St., Charleston, IL 61920. \r\n

Tribute Wall



“ *Mr. Verless Robert Coffey, Jr.*

October 08, 2023 at 07:40 PM



“ *I remember Verless so well. I worked at Columbia Machine in Mattoon for approximately 20 years. I may be the only surviving worker from there. I sometimes walked into his work area just to see Verless. He always had a smile for me. I worked in the parts department, and also mold assembly and before the closing I was on the parts desk and oversaw the shipping department also. I would visit him and sometimes go see Charlie in the carpenter room also. Verless was a kind gentleman. Sometimes i would go see Herbie Quast in the boiler room too. Chick Debault would also greet me. George Riem was good to me. Good memories of Verless.*

Tom Ritter - February 07, 2022 at 08:52 AM



“ *Charlie & John: Please accept our most sincere condolences. I still remember fondly the time when your Dad took us all to Springfield, and working with him for all those years at Columbia.\r\nDwayne remembers when all of us would to go the the mall on Friday nites to eat at Walgreens and you Dad would come in and my Dad would say "Here comes Coffey". Fond memories of all our parents.\r\nThinking of you. \r\nMary*

Mary (Riem) and Dwayne Miller - January 23, 2013 at 11:29 PM

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Verless and Willa May were our neighbors, both on West Charleston Avenue and on 4th Street in Mattoon Illinois.

Mr. COFFEY taught me ,so much about Life,in general,and intrigued me about so Many interests in Life.

He was a Fantastic Boy Scout Leader.

He knew More than anyone that I had ,ever, met about Space,History ,and Geography.

He was ,always, eager abd HELPFUL to answer questions.

Both Mrs. and Mr. COFFEY WERE 2 OF THE KINDEST AND MOST INTELLIGENT PEOPLE THAT I ,EVER, WERE FORTUNATE TO KNOW IM MY LIFE.

TONY NICHOLSON

A FRIEND OF CHARLIE, JOHN, and ROGER

Tony Nicholson - August 07, 2025 at 07:25 PM