



## Samuel Clifton Linton, Jr., Farmer, Lumberman, Legislator, World War II Veteran

August 21, 1923 - February 11, 2023

Samuel Clifton Linton, Jr., Farmer, Lumberman, Legislator, World War II Veteran.

Samuel Clifton Linton, Jr., also known as “Buddy”, died on February 11, 2023. He was 99 years old.

Born August 21, 1923 on Holly Springs Farm, in Riverside, Maryland. He was the son of Emily Marbury and Samuel C. Linton. As a young man he worked on the farm with his father. Later while he was in high school he drove a school bus and he operated a saw mill on the farm.

He graduated from Nanjemoy High School on May 20, 1942. Buddy enlisted in the Army Air Corps on November 26, 1943. He married his wife of 53 years, Jane Bradford Blake, June 10, 1944, just as he was being deployed to Europe.

He served in the Eighth Air Force, 305th Bombardment Group, 364th Bombardment Squadron, as an Aerial Gunner. He was a crew member on the ‘Leading Lady’, a B17 Bomber, still referred to today as ‘The Flying Fortress’ in Chelveston, England. He served in campaigns in Northern France, Ardennes, Rhineland and Central Europe.

Buddy received an Honorable Discharge, as a Staff Sergeant, on January 31, 1946. He received the award for Good Conduct Medal, the European-African-Middle Eastern Theater Ribbon and the World War II Victory Ribbon.

After he returned from combat, in World War II, he started to build his home, on Holly Springs Road, where he lived until his death. He continued to manage Holly Springs Farm; he also started and successfully managed Linton Lumber & Building Supply, LLC, while he and his wife, Jane raised a family.

As a community leader, Mr. Linton served through various organizations. One of the most significant was his, effort, along with a small group of men from the area, to establish Nanjemoy Volunteer Fire Department. He was the last charter member and First President of the NVFD, Co 4, chartered in October, 1949.

Buddy was elected to the Maryland House of Delegates, in 1958 and served for 6 terms, a total of 24 years of service, 'with distinction' to the people of Charles County. His budget experience included membership on the Ways and Means committee, the Joint Budget and Audit committee and on the powerful Appropriations committee.

Other appointments were to the Law Enforcement and Transportation committee and he was a member of the Joint Legislative Committee on the MED-EVAC Program serving from 1986-1990. Buddy was chairman of the Maryland Agriculture Land Preservation Foundation, he represented Maryland on the Interstate Commission on the Potomac River Basin and he headed Charles County's delegation to the Maryland Constitutional Convention, from 1967-1968.

Others include the Port Tobacco Restoration Society, where his political influence played a large part in appropriating funds for that project. He was a

member of the Economic Development Commission, Committee of 100; the Charles County Chamber of Commerce; the Historical Society of Charles County and, as a member of Old Durham Church, he was elected to the Vestry for many terms, as well as being actively involved in many reconstruction and building projects.

Mr. Linton was preceded in death by his beloved wife, Jane Blake Linton. He is survived by his 5 children:

Jane Keithley Linton, of Indian Head; Ellen Marbury Linton, of Bradenton, FL; Carol "Puff" Linton Adams (Durand James Adams), of Palmetto, FL; Samuel Clifton Linton III, of Nanjemoy, MD; and Nancy Linton Blakeney (Capt. Thomas H. Blakeney ,Jr., USN) of Chewelah, WA. He also leaves behind 4 grandchildren and 3 great grandchildren.

Visitation will be held March 23, 2023 from 2PM-8PM at Raymond Funeral Home, 5635 Washington Ave, LaPlata , MD 20646 Fireman's Prayers will be included during that time. The funeral will take place on March 24, 2023 at 1PM at Old Durham Episcopal Church, 8700 Ironsides Road, Nanjemoy, MD 20662. In lieu of flowers donations in Memory of Mr. Linton can be made to Nanjemoy Volunteer Fire Dept., 4260 Port Tobacco Road, Nanjemoy, MD 20662 or to Old Durham Church.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR **23**. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Raymond Funeral Chapel  
5635 Washington Ave.  
La Plata, MD  
business.office@raymondfuneral.com  
<http://www.raymondfuneralservice.com>

## Funeral

MAR **24**. 1:00 PM (ET)

Old Durham Episcopal Church  
8700 Ironsides Road  
Nanjemoy, MD 20662

## Burial

MAR **24**. 2:00 PM (ET)

Old Durham Church Cemetery  
8700 Ironsides Road  
Nanjemoy, MD 20662

# Tribute Wall



“ *Samuel Clifton Linton, Jr., Farmer, Lumberman, Legislator, World War II Veteran*

October 08, 2023 at 10:45 PM



“ *Samuel Clifton Linton, Jr., Farmer, Lumberman, Legislator, World War II Veteran*

October 04, 2023 at 03:12 PM



“ *My memories of Buddy are many and varied. Coming from a family of democrats it did not surprise me to learn that my grandfather, Bill Abell, convinced Buddy to run for his first political office, which I am proud to say he won. Later in life I came to know his daughter, Jane. It was through Jane and our shared interest belief in union work, that I frequented Annapolis to lobby the Southern Maryland Delegation. There was not a time that I recall that we were up to lobby when Buddy didnt treat to a wonderful dinner. The last time Buddy ran for office he asked me to be his campaign Treasurer. I was honored to be asked by him. He was always a gentleman and shared some of his best campaign stratgies with me. He will be missed tremendously by all who knew him. My deepest condolences to the Linton Family. From the Haynie Family.*

**Charlene Haynie** - March 23, 2023 at 08:39 PM

JE

“ Our lives were richer for knowing Buddy. Buddy gave so much and asked for so little. We always enjoyed every encounter with Buddy.

Buddy was a jewel to Port Tobacco Village and served on the board with the Society for the Restoration of Port Tobacco. Buddy was responsible for obtaining the smokehouse from Thainston property beside the college and transporting the smokehouse to the Port Tobacco Village. The smokehouse resides behind the Port Tobacco Courthouse to this day. Buddy loved to show us his smokehouse and sharing stories of his ‘hog pots’ and meat prep in his smokehouse.

I had the pleasure of going through my school years with Carol “Puff”.

Our heartfelt condolences, love thoughts and prayers to each of you.

Buddy was Buddy and we loved him. Rest in the Peace of Our Lord our friend.

Keech and Joyce Edelen 🙏💙✝️🇺🇸



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Joyce Edelen - March 23, 2023 at 09:14 AM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Samuel Clifton Linton, Jr., Farmer, Lumberman, Legislator, World War II Veteran.



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March 21, 2023 at 09:49 PM

CH

“ Blue skies and fair winds Airman. CVAU. I enjoyed knowing you “Gunny”.

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chuck - March 21, 2023 at 09:38 AM

SL

“ SMC Coeds - Debbie, Ellen & Linda purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Samuel Clifton Linton, Jr., Farmer, Lumberman, Legislator, World War II Veteran.



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**SMC Coeds - Debbie, Ellen & Linda** - March 20, 2023 at 11:27 AM

HW

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



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**Harold Wedding** - March 20, 2023 at 02:27 AM

PS

*Jane, I never met your father, but I heard many nice things about him. You should be proud of the wonderful care you gave him. I hope happy memories of him guide you through the coming days, weeks, months and even years.*

*Peggy Scott  
White Plains, Md*

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**Peggy Scott** - March 23, 2023 at 10:39 AM

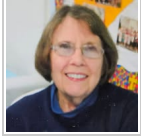
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“ Harold Wedding lit a candle in memory of Samuel Clifton Linton, Jr., Farmer, Lumberman, Legislator, World War II Veteran



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**Harold Wedding** - March 20, 2023 at 02:12 AM



“ Janet Cox lit a candle in memory of Samuel Clifton Linton, Jr., Farmer, Lumberman, Legislator, World War II Veteran



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Janet Cox - March 19, 2023 at 12:41 PM



“ Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Samuel Clifton Linton, Jr., Farmer, Lumberman, Legislator, World War II Veteran.



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March 07, 2023 at 04:33 PM



“ June and I first met Buddy at Old Durham. He sat in front of us and was always immaculately dressed. We were privileged to spend time with him at his farm and on various lunch outings. His stories of WWII, the Maryland General Assembly, and life as a farmer and lumberman were the essence of living history. May he rest in peace.

Gary and June Leyland  
Nanjemoy, MD

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Gary Leyland - March 07, 2023 at 09:08 AM

BU

“ *Journeyed to Normandy France with Sam in our WW11 Jeep so Sam could honor the fallen of Annapolis at St Lo. for the 60th Anniversary of D Day.  
A Journey to Remember. A true Patriot. Thanks for the memories Brian & Sue Francis U.K..*

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**Brian & Sue U.K.** - March 06, 2023 at 04:20 PM

LC

“ *In Nov or Dec of 1974 an elderly Nanjemoy man disappeared and a large search was organized by the Nanjemoy VFD and the Sheriff's Office. I had just been hired and participated in that hunt. The day after the elderly gentleman disappeared Buddy graciously offered to fly his airplane look for the gentleman if we would provide an observer and radio contact. A Dispatcher and VFD officer, Mr Butch Frazer was selected to fly and handle the communications with the ground forces and I as an observer because of my experience flying in the Marines. It was my 1st meeting with Mr. Linton. He was a superb pilot and sitting alongside him in the plane I got to know him reasonably well. He was an extraordinary man who devoted himself through unselfish service to his church, the county, the state, and its environment, and especially to the State Police and Sheriff's Office, and the Volunteer fire service of the county. He was one of the most instrumental figures in establishing the Maryland State Police's Emergency Medical Evacuation Helicopter service which has saved countless lives because of his foresight and efforts. He was a towering figure, yet a humble man and one of the last of our WWII veterans. I am both humbled and proud to have known Buddy and extend my heartfelt condolences to his family, especially Jane, his daughter. Lt David B. Wright #86 Ret Charles County Sheriff's Office*

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**Lt David B. Wright #86 Ret CCSO** - March 01, 2023 at 12:50 PM

CC

“ *Cynthia ( Clarke) and John Clough purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Samuel Clifton Linton, Jr., Farmer, Lumberman, Legislator, World War II Veteran.*



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**Cynthia ( Clarke) and John Clough** - February 25, 2023 at 08:38 PM

GG

“ *A LONG LIFE WELL LIVED. MY SINCERE CONDOLENCES TO JANE AND FAMILY*

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**Gloria Groeger** - February 25, 2023 at 08:42 AM

GA

“ *I was lucky and proud to serve with Buddy in the House of Delegates. He was well respected and when he got going his voice would rise, and we called him “Thunder Linton”. He fought and won for his constituents and funded many Charles County programs. My best to the family - the old saying is true - “They don’t make them like Buddy Linton anymore!”*  
*Gary R. Alexander*

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**Gary Alexander** - February 24, 2023 at 05:45 PM

JG

“ *Words can't do justice... Mr. Linton was simply a good man. They just don't make them like that anymore. RIP Mr. Linton*

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**John Gott** - February 24, 2023 at 05:44 PM

LH

“ My condolences to the Linton family. Mr. Linton gave so much to this community. He will be missed. God Bless!



Loraine Hennessy - February 24, 2023 at 09:41 AM

DS

“ Dinnia Simmons sent a virtual gift in memory of Samuel Clifton Linton, Jr., Farmer, Lumberman, Legislator, World War II Veteran



Dinnia Simmons - February 22, 2023 at 03:51 PM

DS

“ Dinnia Simmons lit a candle in memory of Samuel Clifton Linton, Jr., Farmer, Lumberman, Legislator, World War II Veteran



Dinnia Simmons - February 22, 2023 at 03:42 PM

DS

Buddy was a great man. He helped my mom and I out a lot. My mom Violet Richmond and I helped take care of his parents. I will truly miss him. My God bless his family.

Dinnia Simmons - February 22, 2023 at 03:47 PM

TM

*"Uncle Buddy" and "Aunt Jane" were our neighbors and cherished friends during the nine years we lived in So. Md. Our families shared some wonderful times with the Linton family. He was a lovely man, always ready to be helpful in any way he could and always willing to engage in conversation. Condolences to all the Lintons from all the Marshalls.*

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**Therese (Mrs John) Marshall** - March 03, 2023 at 10:41 AM

RJ

*In June 1969 my father " Mr. Democrat" suddenly passed. As a result, thereof, our mother then hit the campaign trails and often times I would be with her. Soon thereafter I had the pleasure to meet people such as Mr. Linton and Mike Miller. Both gentlemen would always be at the big events along with others such as Doc Parran and Senator Simpson. Buddy always had the same demeanor - calm and steady. His influence was positive in nature. RIP Mr. Linton your physical presence is no longer with us, but we will not forget you.*

*Rudy A. Carrico Jr.*

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**Rudy A. Carrico Jr.** - March 12, 2023 at 12:55 PM



*Buddy & my Dad (Mac Scott) both grew up in Nanjemoy. They both were Charter Members who worked to form the Nanjemoy Volunteer Fire Dept. I loved sitting with Buddy at some of our NVFD functions and hearing stories about he and my Dad over the years. He will be missed - he always came to our functions with son Sam who is still a Life Member of the Department. Condolences to the Linton family.*

*Janet (Scott) and Tim Cox*

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**Janet Cox** - March 19, 2023 at 12:40 PM