

Demetrius G. Apostolon
April 25, 1928 – April 23, 2004

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BELLEPOINT – Demetrius D. Apostolon, 75, died Friday April 23, 2004, at the Veterans Administration Medical Center in Beckley following a short illness.

Born April 25, 1928 in Hinton, he was the son of the late George Demetrius and Virginia Boone Apostolon.

Demetrius was a member of Central Baptist Church in Hinton. He retired from CSX Railway in 1989 as a conductor. He was also an electrician and had been a representative of Pacific Life Insurance Co. in the Hinton area.

Mr. Apostolon attended Beckley College, was member of BPOE Lodge No. 821 and was an avid golfer.

A U.S. Army veteran of the Korean Conflict. Demetrius was featured on “This is Your Life” with Ralph Edwards after his plane crashed in the Pacific Ocean with 43 on board while returning home from Korea during the war. His heroics in the water after the plane went down saved four people from drowning, one of whom died of other injuries while floating on the wing of the plane. While waiting to be rescued, he led several of the seven survivors to the Lord and baptized them off the wing of the plane.

Besides his parents, he was preceded in death by a sister, Ruth Cales; and two brothers, the Rev. Billy Apostolon and Johnny McCloud.

He is survived by his wife of 27 years, Sylvia Kokis Apostolon; a son, George Demetrius Apostolon and his wife, Sherri of Huntington; three nieces, including his favorite niece, Florence Cales, Mary Elizabeth Wyrick and Sarah Siedler; two nephews, Glendon Cales and Dr. Bill Apostolon; and several great- and great-great-nieces and nephews.

There will be no visitation. Private service will be held at a later date.

Donations of sympathy may be made to the Animal Control and Welfare Project Inc. P.O. Box 236 Hinton, WV 25951.

Arrangements by Ronald Meadows Funeral Parlors, Hinton.