

Samuel Linton



NANJEMOY — 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.

