

Lion Edward L. Bayse



Edward L. (Eicky) Bayse, 91, of Roanoke and Goodview, went to be with the Lord on Wednesday, March 12, 2008. He was a member and Deacon at Villa Heights Baptist Church, where he also served as Sunday School Superintendent for over twenty-four years. Mr. Bayse was a retired Exxon dealer who owned Bayse Exxon Service Center for over fifty years, and was Past President of the Virginia Gasoline Retailers Association, Inc. Eicky was a World War II veteran who served in the Battle of the Bulge, and was a life member of the DAV. He was a member of Melrose Masonic Lodge #139, AF & AM, for over fifty years, and was also a member of the Scottish Rite Bodies and Kazim Shrine Temple. **Lion Bayse was a charter member and Past President of the Villa Heights Lions Club**, which he was a member for over fifty years.

He was predeceased by his wife of fifty-three years, Geneva C. Bayse, and is survived by two daughters and sons-in-law, Bonnie B. and David R. Klaiber, of Palm Bay, Fla., Linda B. and Michael B. Hall, of Goodview; three grandsons, Michael E. Hall, of Roanoke; Garry L. Klaiber and wife, Vickie, of Roanoke, Michael W. Klaiber and wife, Shelby, of Roanoke; three granddaughters, Tara K. Mineria and husband, Michael, of Melbourne, Fla., Chrystal H. Juliana and husband, Matthew, of Grays Lake, Ill., Pamela Kilmer, of Palm Bay, Fla.; ten great-grandchildren; five great-great-grandchildren; a sister, Rachel B. Baker, of Roanoke, and a sister-in-law, Florence Bayse, of Roanoke.

Funeral services will be conducted at 10 a.m. Saturday from Villa Heights Baptist Church, with the Reverend Harold Lewis and Pastor Jake Huffman officiating. Interment, with Masonic rites (by Melrose Masonic Lodge) and military honors (by DAV Chapters 3 & 14), will follow in Blue Ridge Memorial Gardens. Memorials may be made to Villa Heights Baptist Church (4080 Challenger Avenue NE; Roanoke, VA 24012). The family will receive friends from 4 to 8 p.m. Friday at Oakey's South Chapel, 540-989-3131.