



C. E. Spires, Jr.

October 3, 1917 - February 25, 2017

C.E. Spires, Jr., 99, of Salisbury, passed away Saturday, February 25, 2017 at Glenn A. Kiser Hospice House.

Born October 3, 1917 in Hartsville, SC, he was the son of the late Clarence Earle Spires and Jennie Garrison Spires.

Mr. Spires graduated from Hartsville High School and Clemson A&M College, now known as Clemson University.

He served in the United States Army during WWII, 1941-1945, in the European-African Theater of Operation as a Parachute Infantry Unit Commander and was a Purple Heart recipient. He retired as Captain.

For 32 years, Mr. Spires was a Field Claims-man with Nationwide Insurance Company and was a member of Haven Lutheran Church since 1945, where he served on the Church Council.

Very active in the community, Mr. Spires was a former member of the Jaycees, Toast Master Club, and a member and Past President of the Salisbury Kiwanis Club.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his first wife, Fannie Owen Spires, on June 7, 1990; one brother and three sisters.

Those left to cherish his memory are his current wife, Mary Culp Spires; two sons, Chris Earle Spires (Teresa) and Robert A. Spires (Wendy), both of Hickory; two daughters, Carolyn E. Dixon of Virginia Beach, VA and Sharon Sikes (Lindy) of Denver, NC; three step-sons, James Allen Hinson (Linda), Joseph Franklin Hinson (Lynn) and Dr. Jonathan Cordell Hinson (Kris); five grandchildren; eleven great-grandchildren; two great-great grandchildren and several step-grandchildren, great-grandchildren and extended family.

Services: A graveside service will be held at the Salisbury National Cemetery – Government Road location on Tuesday, March 7, 2017 at 2:00 PM with full military honors.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Haven Lutheran Church 207 W. Harrison Street Salisbury, NC 28144 or to Glenn A. Kiser Hospice House 1229 Statesville Blvd. Salisbury, NC 28144.

Online condolences may be left for the family at www.summersettfuneralhome.com.

Summersett Funeral Home is honored to be serving the Spires family.

Tribute Wall

KG

“ Sunny I will be praying for you and the family in your loss of your Dad. Kent Gudger Boyden class of 1962

Kent Gudger - March 01, 2017 at 01:58 PM

RG

“ Chris, Im sorry you have lost your best friend but I know there have been a lot of precious memories through the years that you will cherish a lifetime. Knowing he is no longer in pain will give you comfort . My prayer is that you and your family will know that God will give you strength , grace and his precious love during this difficult time. My thoughts and prayers will be with you and your family. Love your mother in law, Ms. Greer.

Rosa Greer - February 28, 2017 at 01:06 PM

AB

“ Mary, Sharon, Sunny, Chris and Bobby and the entire family.....we send heartfelt condolences to you all. We feel like we know your dad, just through sharing stories and seeing him at Sharon and Lindy's, and just hearing the weekly updates from Sharon as she visited him and looked after him. What an inspiration he was to all who knew him, not to mention the sacrifices he made for his country. CE will be sorely missed! I pray that God give each of you the strength and courage to get thru the difficult time ahead of you, and may you find peace in knowing that he is no longer suffering, and he's singing with the angels!! Love and prayers to all!! RIP C E Spires Ann and Mike Bradshaw Denver, NC

Ann Bradshaw - February 28, 2017 at 10:21 AM

LH

“ To Sharon, So sorry for your loss but what a great life he got to live & history. I remember all the fun things & sleep overs & going to the pool ! We had some great times & great memories in your parents home. CE was also a great cook. To all of the family our deepest sympathy.. Derby & Linda

Linda Holshouser - February 28, 2017 at 09:46 AM

GC

“ I met Mr. Spires several years ago when I joined the GARS Golf Association. He was ninety then, and was still playing golf. Just a wonderful man to talk with and be around. I discovered through our conversations that I went to Wiley Elementary School with his daughter, Sharon.
I thank God for Mr. Spires, and I salute him for his service to our country during World War II. He was truly a member of the "greatest generation."

Gordon Correll, Salisbury

Gordon Correll - February 28, 2017 at 06:23 AM

SS

“ Dear Chris you may not remember me i am your mother in-law my best friend and I was at her 80th birthday party i set with your daddy and his wife mary in what little time i got to know them i have never meat such sweeter people than those two i have prayed you and your family and I will be praying for you and your family on the day you have to say goodbye ,I will pray that the lord is with you and your family and he make your hearts lighter on that sad day may the lord be you.
Shirley slaughter

Shirley slaughter - February 27, 2017 at 10:29 PM

MH

“ Dear Chris, We're so sorry to read about the passing of your Dad. He was truly the epitome of a southern gentleman in every respect and one of the really good guys. Our deepest sympathy to you and to all your Dad's loved ones. Sincerely,
Mick & Connie Hillard

Mick Hillard - February 27, 2017 at 09:12 AM