



Charles "Bud" Luther Graeber

May 7, 1932 - November 10, 2024

Charles Luther "Bud" Graeber, 92, passed away Sunday, November 10, 2024 at the Glen A. Kiser Hospice House, Salisbury, NC after a very short illness. Mr. Graeber was born May 7, 1932 in China Grove, NC to the late Clyde and Margaret Perkinson Graeber. He was a graduate of China Grove High School and Appalachian State Teacher's College which is now known as Appalachian State University where he also played football under Coach E.C. Duggins. Mr. Graeber was very proud to have earned his Eagle Scout award. He served in the United States Army as well as the United States Marine Corp. and also helped run the China Grove Fuel and Ice Plant, his family's business. He was a lifelong member of American Legion Post-Troop 342 and also was a member of St John's Lutheran Church.

Mr. Graeber had the very best day of his life on May 23, 1953 when he married the love of his life and his high school sweetheart, Nan Correll. They were married for 69 years and built a beautiful life together. He credited all of his successes to Nan and to his tenacity, work ethic, and drive which he developed at a young age due to his own father's illness of polio. Mr Graeber, started the CL Graeber Insurance agency and worked for the New York Life Insurance Company for 45 years. He was a life member of the executive council and a lifetime member of the Million Dollar Round Table. In 1986 and in 1987 he was agent of the year for the Charlotte General Office for New York Life.

There was one job, though, that stood out to all of his family that he took more

seriously than any other and that was as our beloved BudDaddy. He became known by this name to everyone, not just his grandchildren and great grandchildren. All of his family would agree that he is a legend! Being loved by BudDaddy meant you had at some time in your life learned how to always strive for and expect the best from yourself as he had taught and instilled this in all of his children and grandchildren alike. Everyone wanted to bottle his strength and zeal and Nan's sweetness and tact and have a life and love just like them! BudDaddy will be missed by all but never forgotten!

Survivors left to cherish his memory are his daughters; Cindy and Ron Jacobs, Karen and Mike Shelton and Betsy and John Myers and his son; Charles Luther II and Lori Graeber and his grandchildren; Pamela Lash(Mitch), Carly Shelton(Nick), Ryan Peoples(Dawn), Kirk Jacobs, Graeson Shelton, Tanner Shelton, Riley Myers(Grace), Griffin Myers, Elizabeth Ann Graeber, and Charles Luther Graeber III, and many great grandchildren as well as sister Shirley Morton(Jim) and brother Clyde Graeber(Angie). He was preceded in death by his sister Linda Hopkins(Giles)

The funeral service will be Friday, November 15, 2024 at 11am at St. John's Lutheran Church in Salisbury.

In lieu of flowers memorials may be made to the building fund at St John's Lutheran Church, 200 West Innes Street, Salisbury, NC 28144 or to The Graeber Family Scholarship at Appalachian State University, 425 Jack Branch Drive, Boone NC 28608

Previous Events

Memorial Service

NOV 15. 11:00 AM (ET)

St. John's Lutheran Church
200 W. Innes St.
Salisbury, NC 28144

Tribute Wall

MH

“ I was saddened to learn of Bud's death. He was like a second father to me when I moved to Salisbury in mid 90's. He took me into his business, NY Life Ins Co., and mentored me to be the best that I could be. He showed kindness and caring that others would have not. He was to me the Greatest man - as much as my own dad. I will miss him dearly.

Semper Fi - Mark E. Hayden, US Army, Lt. Colonel (R)

P.S. I just learned of his passing today, 19 Nov. - otherwise I would have attended his funeral.

Mark E Hayden - November 19, 2024 at 09:38 AM

MA

“ Although my time with bud was short, I am grateful for the six years that I was privileged to know him.
When I moved into the neighborhood next door nearly 7 years ago now he was the first to great me and gave me a bottle of Cabernet. Which we opened and shared a glass on the porch.
Couple of days later I met his wife who was also a very nice lady.
Bud, I wish you well on your journey into that good night and I'll see you at the gates on the other side. Semper Fi brother.

Matthew - November 15, 2024 at 02:44 PM

EJ

“ Thoughts and prayers for all the family. Bud was truly a kind man who will be missed by many who knew him. Rest now, Bud.

Edith Julian - November 12, 2024 at 01:44 PM