



Chester Leroy Croyle

February 22, 1939 - May 14, 2018

Chester Leroy Croyle, 79, of Salisbury passed away Monday, May 14, 2018 at Novant Health Rowan Medical Center.

He was born in Johnstown, PA on February 22, 1939. He joined the Navy and when he was stationed in Charleston, SC he met Anne Bowers at the Christian Servicemen's Center and they attended Youth for Christ. After a brief courtship, he proposed marriage. They were married on June 23, 1962 at Millgrove Bible Church near Lancaster, NY where they made their first home. They were married for almost 56 years.

Throughout the years he was involved in many lines of work - truck driver, construction superintendent and master carpenter, law enforcement, and maintenance mechanic for the National Starch Corporation.

During his time with the Spencer and Salisbury Police Departments, he was a firearms instructor for the NRA. He was a jack of all trades, teaching his family by example about the value of hard, dedicated work.

Not many know, but he was a gifted singer and played guitar. He served at various times as Church choir director and taught Sunday School and served

as deacon. His artistic side also expressed itself in scale models of NC lighthouses that are absolutely perfect replications, down to the smallest detail. He made muzzle loaders that were museum quality. He loved creating things and sharing them with others.

Chet was a member of North Main Baptist Church. He didn't draw attention to himself, but he found quiet ways to help others when he knew there was a need. He supported charities and missionaries faithfully.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Chester and Pearl Croyle, sister Linda Croyle and brother, Robert Croyle.

He is survived by his wife, Anne Croyle, daughter, Marla Young (husband Stephen and daughter, Anna) and son, Jerry Croyle (sons Nathan and David).

A private graveside service will be conducted at 9:00 AM Friday, May 18, 2018 at the Salisbury National Cemetery with military honors provided by the US Navy and the Rowan County Honor Guard.

The family will receive friends from 10:00 AM to 11:00 AM Friday (May 18) at North Main Baptist Church. A Celebration of Life service will follow at 11:00 AM.

In lieu of flowers memorials may be given to North Main Street Baptist Church, 1501 N. Main Street, Salisbury, NC 28144 or St. Jude's Research Hospital, Fund Raising Office, 2101 Rexford Road #165W, Charlotte, NC 28211.

Summersett Funeral Home is serving the Croyle family. Online condolences may be made at www.summersettfuneralhome.com.

Cemetery Details

Salisbury National Cemetery

501 Statesville Blvd.
Salisbury, NC 28144

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 18. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

North Main Baptist Church
Salisbury, NC

Service

MAY 18. 11:00 AM (ET)

North Main Baptist Church
Salisbury, NC

Tribute Wall



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Chester Leroy Croyle.*



May 17, 2018 at 02:12 PM



“ *My heart goes out to Marla and her family. There is no love greater than our Heavenly Father, but the love from our earthly father is so great that when God calls them home, we feel lost. Treasure your memories and values your earthly father gave you. In treasuring those memories, you will have your earthly father live on through you. May God's loving arms surround you all. Mr. Croyle still lives in all that you do.*



Nina Newton-Wall - May 17, 2018 at 06:48 AM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Chester Leroy Croyle.*



May 16, 2018 at 08:49 PM

LM

“ So sorry for your loss, Ann. I send my deepest sympathy to you and your family.
Hold tight to the memories, a gift from God that no one can take away! Praying for your family!

Loretta McLester

Loretta McLester - May 16, 2018 at 02:53 PM

RM

“ Worked with Chet in different settings, I found him to be a good man and officer who would not let you down. I pray his family finds peace in this time during the celebration of life.

richard miller - May 16, 2018 at 02:35 PM

LB

“ Love, Lou & Jeanne Boehm purchased the Beautiful Heart Bouquet for the family of Chester Leroy Croyle.



Love, Lou & Jeanne Boehm - May 16, 2018 at 12:21 PM

LM

“ So sorry our prayers are with you all & will treasure the witness & inspiration he was

Lynne Myers - May 16, 2018 at 12:10 PM

LB

“ Our deepest condolences to you, Gerry and Ann. It is a sad milestone for me as well, though at least an end to his debilitating illness. We share your grief.

Love, Lou & Jeanne Boehm

Lou & Jeanne Boehm - May 16, 2018 at 11:27 AM

RM

So sorry for your loss Ann and Family. I really enjoyed talking to Chet at church and he was a asset to our Sunday School Class. He was such a fine man and will be missed.

Ron & Judith Main - May 17, 2018 at 03:49 AM

EB

“ *Sorry for your loss Marla. May God comfort you and your family.*

Eric Blackwelder

Eric Blackwelder - May 16, 2018 at 12:29 AM

GS

“ *Out hearts & prayers are with you
Love Geri & Jim Sherrill*

geri sherrill - May 15, 2018 at 09:19 PM

JE

“ *I am so sorry for your loss but from my years with Marla is school, you had a wonderful dad because she was just the best person to be around in our college days. Blessings to you all.*

jeff - May 15, 2018 at 03:07 PM

SP

“ NO MATTER HOW CHET WAS FEELING WHEN HE CAME TO CHURCH HE WOULD HAVE A SMILE AND WOULD GREET YOU WITH A LOVING HELLO I AM SO GLAD THAT GOD PUT CHET IN MY LIFE AND I AM PROUD TO CALL HIM FRIEND AND MY BROTHER IN CHRIST JESUS AND I WILL MISS MY FRIEND BUT HE IS HOME NOW WITH HIS SAVIOUR AND WAITING TO SEE ALL OF US AGAIN.

LOVE YOU

JOHN AND SHARL POOLE

SHARL POOLE - May 15, 2018 at 02:59 PM