



## Mr. Clay (Andy) Anderson Rich

October 11, 1934 - February 7, 2020

Clay (Andy) Anderson Rich, 85, of Salisbury, NC passed away Friday, Feb. 7, 2020 at Novant Health Presbyterian Hospital.

He was born October 11, 1934 in Alexander Co, NC to the late Lucille Crotts Rich and Clay Bulla Rich. Mr. Rich attended Campbell College for a year and served in the U.S. Navy for two years on the U.S.S. Antietam. He was a furniture salesman for 51 years at Graham Furniture Market.

Mr. Rich was a member of First United Methodist Church of Graham.

He was preceded in death by a son, Curtis A. Rich and brother, John Conrad Rich.

Surviving are his wife, Mary Evelyn Rich who he married on November 13, 1953; daughter, Elizabeth Rich of Salisbury; daughter-in-law, Leslie Rich of Salisbury, NC; grandchildren: Dr. Lindsey Johnson and husband Jeremy, Emily Graham and husband Wes and Maggie Hatch and husband Alston; and seven great-grandchildren: Eli & Abel Johnson, Wyatt, Ivy & Audrey Graham, and Will & Hallie Hatch.

The family will receive friends at 1 PM Saturday (Feb 15) at First Baptist Church. The memorial service will follow at 2 PM, conducted by Rev. Jon DeBell. Burial will be later at First United Methodist Church Memorial Garden in Graham.

In lieu of flowers memorials may be made to First United Methodist Church, 202 N. Main St, Graham, NC 27253 or First Baptist Church, 223 N. Fulton St., Salisbury, NC 28144.

Summersett Funeral Home is serving the Rich family. Online condolences may be made at [www.summersettfuneralhome.com](http://www.summersettfuneralhome.com).

# Cemetery Details

## First United Methodist Church

303 N. Main St.  
Graham, NC

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB 15. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

First Baptist Church Salisbury  
223 N. Fulton St.  
Salisbury, NC 28144

## Memorial Service

FEB 15. 2:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

MW

“ We wanted to share this and hope it is some comfort to you at this difficult time of your great loss of such a fine man. I graduated with Curtis and Leslie and my parents were members of FUMC and thought so much of Andy and Mary Evelyn.

*Prayers and sadness for such a great loss of a good man.*

*To Those I Love*

*When I am gone, just release me,  
let me go – so I can move into my  
afterglow. You mustn't tie me down  
with your tears; let's be happy  
that we had so many years. I gave you  
my love, you can only guess  
how much you gave me in happiness.  
I thank you for the love you each have  
shown, but now it's time I travel on alone.  
So grieve for me awhile, if grieve  
you must, then let your grief be comforted  
with trust. It's only for a while that  
we must part, so bless the memories within  
your heart. And then, when you must  
come this way alone, I'll greet you with  
a smile and a "Welcome Home."*

*Marion, Charlie, and Melinda Whittemore*

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**Melinda Whittemore** - February 11, 2020 at 08:13 PM

BJ

“ So sorry to learn of Mr. Rich's passing. He was such a good friend and supporter of the activities that his children and grandchildren were participants. Just know that the Rich family will be in our thoughts and prayers. May God grant each of you grace, mercy, and peace during your time of mourning. God bless Andy and may he Rest In Peace.

*Yours in Christ,  
Bill Joye*

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**Bill Joye** - February 11, 2020 at 11:45 AM

JM

“ Leslie, Lindsey, Emily and Maggie, my thoughts and prayers are with you . Janice Mitchell

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**Janice Mitchell** - February 11, 2020 at 09:30 AM