



## Mr. Cress Edwin Goodnight Jr

January 22, 1938 - November 29, 2014

Mr. Cress Edwin Goodnight, Jr., 76, of Salisbury, NC passed away Saturday, November 29, 2014 at Novant Health Medical Center due to complications caused by Parkinson's disease.

The son of the late Cress and Helen Goodnight, Eddie was born in Charlotte, NC on January 22, 1938. He graduated from Boyden High School and Lenoir-Rhyne College where he had earned a basketball scholarship. Following graduation he worked in sales and in 1965 returned to Salisbury to work in the textile industry.

Eddie was an active member in First Presbyterian Church where he served as an elder, was involved in Christian Education and worked with the Meals on Wheels program for many years. His community service included serving as President of the YMCA Board and on the board of Rowan Helping Ministries and other civic affairs.

Besides his family and friends his great love was golf, which he enjoyed playing for 50 years at Salisbury Country Club.

Eddie married Dorothy May Goodnight who survives him. Also surviving are two sons, Cress Edwin Goodnight, III and wife Lori and William Wyatt Goodnight and wife Amy, both of Salisbury, NC; daughter Julia Goodnight

Steffens and husband Paul of Charlotte; sister, Beverly Goodnight O'Hara and husband Hugh of Falls Church, VA and Eddie's nine beloved grandchildren.

The Goodnight family expresses their sincere gratitude to supportive family and friends and recently the help of caregiver Tammy S. for their loving care of Eddie.

A memorial service will be held at 11 AM Tuesday (Dec. 2) at First Presbyterian Church, conducted by Rev. Dr. Jim C. Dunkin and Rev. Dr. Randal V. Kirby. The family will receive friends following the memorial service in Lewis Hall.

Memorials may be made in lieu of flowers to First Presbyterian Church, 308 W. Fisher St, Salisbury, NC 28144 and Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson's Research, PO Box 5014, Hagerstown, MD 21741.

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

# Previous Events

## Service

DEC 2. 11:00 AM (ET)

First Presbyterian Church  
308 W. Fisher St.  
Salisbury, NC 28144

## Visitation

DEC 2. 12:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

BR

“ *Great guy....enjoyed working with him*

ben rudisill - February 01, 2015 at 05:10 PM

AE

“ *Sending loving hugs and prayers of peace to all the Goodnight's. Good memories of Eddie and your whole family live in my heart forever.*

Amy Tannehill Elkin - December 15, 2014 at 07:58 AM

BR

“ *The staff from Palms Cafe would like to send our condolences during this time. We sure will miss Eddie coming in on Saturday mornings with his wife and friends. He was such a sweet man.*



Brittany - December 08, 2014 at 12:41 AM

BS

“ *Dear Dottie: I just received your email regarding Eddie. I am so so sorry! What a wonderful guy he was! I remember him so well and how much John David, Sandy and of course "Sissy" thought of him and you. What a tremendous loss to your family and your community. I will let Caroline know and I have notified Sandy. She will get in touch with Gloomy, I'm sure. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all at this sad time. Much love, Beth Moose Swanner & family ,Albemarle, NC*

Beth Swanner - December 01, 2014 at 07:43 PM

PF

“ Dear Mrs. Goodnight and family,

*My deepest condolences on your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time. God bless you.*

*Patrick Foley*

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**Patrick Foley** - December 01, 2014 at 09:18 AM

HJ

“ *What wonderful memories from the Boyden class of 1956*

*Herb Jones*

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**Herb Jones** - December 01, 2014 at 08:11 AM

JB

“ *Dottie, we were so sorry to learn of Eddie's death. Know we are holding you and yours in our hearts and prayers. Judy and Robert Berry*

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**Judith May Berry** - December 01, 2014 at 07:00 AM

AJ

*Dottie and family,  
Us cousins talked often of Eddie and you. We knew of his struggle and prayed for his peace. Having lost my husband nearly 2 years ago I can feel your grief and loss but our faith is sufficient. God bless you all. Anne Shulenburger Jones*

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**Anne Jones** - December 05, 2014 at 07:30 AM