



Dow V. Perry

May 20, 1934 - October 5, 2009

Dow Vick Perry died Monday October 5, 2009 at his home in Salisbury, NC.

Dow was born in Louisburg, NC on May 20, 1934 and was the son of the late Hugh and Gladys Perry. He was a graduate of Mills High School and NC State University. He was married to Mary Keith Perry on September 20, 1958 and was a devoted husband, father and civic leader.

Dow was an active and loyal member of First United Methodist Church where his leadership was valued and his support of numerous activities included the Chancel Choir, serving as a Sunday School teacher and on many committees. He was a captain in the US Army, a member of the PKA fraternity, served as Scoutmaster for Troop 440, and served on the boards of the Red Cross, Salvation Army, Rowan Arts Council, and numerous other organizations. Dow was an executive at the Celanese Corporation during his 30-year career. His many friends included members of his neighborhood, his church, his bridge club as well as fellow members of the organizations he supported. A lifelong supporter of NC State athletics, he enjoyed attending Wolfpack football and basketball games with his friends and family.

Dow was the solid foundation that sheltered his wife and sons with the immense love that he had for them. His character and warm personality were immediately accessible to all those who loved him and learned by his

example. He was truly the good man he appeared to be.

Dow is survived by his three sons, Vick Perry and wife, Christie, of Seattle and grandchildren Laura and Eva, Keith Perry of Raleigh, and Kent Perry and wife, Teresa, of San Carlos, California and grandchildren Madeline and Benjamin, and Dow's sister, Jane Gray Pearce of Pleasant Garden, NC.

A service celebrating his life will be held Friday October 9, 2009, at 11 a.m. at First United Methodist Church, Dr. Stephen D. Haines officiating. The family will receive friends in the church Fellowship Hall following the service. A private memorial service at City Memorial Park will be held prior to the church service.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests that memorials be made to First Methodist Church Endowment Fund, 217 South Church Street, Salisbury, NC 28144.

Summersett Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Tribute Wall



“ May you gain comfort and strength by remembering that God cares and has made provisions for loved one. John 5:28 assures us that: The hour is coming when all those in the memorial tombs (God memory) will hear Jesus voice and come out. Proof of this is found at John 11:11-44 when Jesus raised Lazarus from the dead,hear on earth. This is our sure and only hope.May Jehovah God be with your family.###imported-begin##Sheila###imported-end##

October 13, 2009 at 11:31 AM



“ Dear Keith, I was so sorry to hear of your father's death. Please know that you and your family are in my thoughts and prayers.###imported-begin##Mary Hart###imported-end##

October 12, 2009 at 03:03 PM



“ To the family of Dow Perry,

"Blessed is he whose hope is in the Lord, his God, the maker of heaven and earth, the sea, and everythng in them - the Lord, wh remains faithful forever. - PSALMS 146: 5,6.

We will be keeping you close in our thoughts and prayers.

Wilbert and Carolyn Sadler

From First United Methodist Church

Salisbury, NC. 28144###imported-begin##Wilbert and Carolyn Sadler###imported-end##

October 11, 2009 at 01:02 PM



“ Kieth,

I am sorry to hear about the passing of your father. While I did not know him, I am sure he was a fine man and am impressed with his accomplishments. Please know that Cindy and I have you and your family in our thoughts.

Best Regards, Charlie##imported-begin##Charlie Markey##imported-end##

October 09, 2009 at 03:12 PM



“ *Mr. Perry called on me for ads, as a volunteer, for the Arts Council, while I was in business in Salisbury, as well as being a customer. I will remember his wonderful voice and his kindness to all. May God bless his family.##imported-begin##Rhonda Guy##imported-end##*

October 09, 2009 at 10:22 AM



“ *I heard about your dad's passing today and wanted to share my condolences and thoughts with you. I was around him in your home and at numerous scout meetings and camping trips over the years. His calm and kind demeanor (often in the midst of chaos) really made an impression on me and set a great example for all of us. You are all in my thoughts and prayers.##imported-begin##John Bernhardt##imported-end##*

October 09, 2009 at 03:47 AM



“ Having worked with Dow for many years while I was head of Purchasing at Celanese/Hoechst Celanese, I know what an extraordinary man he was. He was the calm in the many storms relative to manufacturing. I know no one who did not respect his knowledge and enjoy his even temperment, his smile and his laughter. Be comforted to know that he had a special place in many lives. He will be truly missed. God care for you all.##imported-begin##Vicki Pierce##imported-end##

October 08, 2009 at 06:36 PM



“ Vick, Keith and Kent,

Stephanie and I were saddened to hear of the loss of your father Dow. He was a good man who will be missed. I hope you find comfort in knowing that he and your mother are together again.

With Sympathy,

Brent##imported-begin##Mr and Mrs Brent Young##imported-end##

October 08, 2009 at 09:36 AM