



Earle Porter Brown

November 29, 1929 - September 9, 2011

Earl Porter Brown, 81, of Salisbury, North Carolina died Friday, September 9, 2011 at the Rowan Regional Medical Center Hospital. Born November 29, 1929, in Salisbury, Rowan County, North Carolina, Earl, was the son of Ola Sue Porter and Jesse Oscar Brown, Sr. His maternal grandparents were Charlotte Susan Collins and John Henry Porter of Lynn Haven, Bay County, Florida. His paternal grandparents were Sarah Ida Skinner and William Henry Brown, of Salisbury, Rowan County, North Carolina. In addition to his parents, Earl was preceded in death by sisters, Doris Brown Ralston, and Eugenia (Jean) Brown Smith. Survivors include his brother, Jesse Oscar Brown, Jr. of Spartanburg, South Carolina; nephew Randy Smith of Salisbury, North Carolina and numerous other nieces and nephews.

Mr. Brown was a veteran of the U.S. Air Force stationed in Cape Cod, Massachusetts and Alaska. He worked in Plainfield, New Jersey for Wilkerson Sword and retired from Piedmont Mill Supply.

Mr. Brown was a 60 year life member and Past Master of Fulton Masonic Lodge #99, a member and Past President of Rowan County Shrine Club, a member of The Knights Templar, a member of the Oasis Shrine of North Carolina, a member of The Royal Order of Scotland, a 50 year member and held a 33rd Degree in The Scottish Rite, a presiding officer of The Scottish Rite in Charlotte, and a member and past State Officer in The York Rite. Mr. Brown made numerous trips transporting burned and crippled children to The Shrine Hospital. He was a member of the Harold B. Jarrett American Legion.

He was a member of First Baptist Church of Salisbury.

Friends and family will remember Earl for his devoted dedication to the care of his aging parents, his lifelong work with the Masons and Shiners' and his ever faithful dogs.

A graveside service will be held Monday, September, 19, 2011 at Chestnut Hill Cemetery beginning at 11:00 a.m. officiated by First Baptist Church of Salisbury.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions honoring Earle Brown can be made to: Lutheran Center at Trinity Oaks designated for "annual trips and outings", 820 Klumac Rd., Salisbury, NC 28144.

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