



Edward M. "Ted" Larrabee

January 28, 1920 - April 17, 2012

Edward M "Ted" Larrabee passed away Tuesday evening, 10:22 pm, at the Rowan Regional Medical Center.

Ted was born January 28, 1920 in Clinton, Iowa, the eldest son of Edward Ray Larrabee of Clinton and Kathryn Pearson of Keswick, England where they met after World War I. In 1940 in Chicago,

Ted enlisted in the US Army Field Artillery and fought in New Guinea, Luzon, and the Liberation of the Philippines. He re-enlisted in 1946, and again saw combat 1951-1953 in the Korean Conflict. Then in 1954, at Fort Bragg, he left the Army as a Master Sergeant and moved to Salisbury.

On February 18, 1951, in St. John's Lutheran Church, he married Merle Cruse (Mowery), adopted daughter of Walter and Ada Rattz of 601 W. Council St. As a Salisbury resident, he worked many years as super salesman for Delta Electric, now Desco, Inc. of 1205 Lincolnton Rd. It was during his time at Desco that he became known as "Teddy the Bear" and became loved by many as a true, give-you-the-shirt-off-of-his back kind of super friend to all. During his youth, Ted was a gifted athlete, a pitcher on an Army post baseball team, and he actively played golf well into his seventies. He counts as his true, like-family friends the gang at Desco, the older regulars at McCanless Golf Course, and a host of others, all around Salisbury.

Ted was preceded in death by his brothers Frank of Aurora, IL and Charles R of Pasco, WA; his sister Edith DeMeyer of Gordon, WI; his son Charles E “Chad”; and his wife of 40 years Merle of Salisbury.

He is survived by two sisters Marjorie Nelson of Aurora, IL and Patricia Kohler of Pasco, WA; his daughter Margaret Kathryn Larrabee of Houston; and his adopted sons Donald Mowery of Dallas and Baxter Mowery of Salisbury. Hundreds of kids call him “Grandpa”, his own and others, and he loved them all.

AN INCREDIBLE MAN WHO LED A GREAT LIFE. WE WILL MISS HIM.

A graveside service will be conducted 2:00 PM – Friday (Apr. 20) at Chestnut Hill Cemetery with the Rev. David Nelson, minister of St. John’s Lutheran Church officiating. Military graveside rites will be conducted by the Rowan County Veterans Honor Guard.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to North Carolina DAV., VA Regional Office, Federal Bldg 251 North Main St., Rm. 115 Winston-Salem, NC 27102

Tribute Wall



“ I'm so sorry to hear of Teddy's death
I will miss him so much. I work at McCanless Golf Course and he
came by every day for so long. He always called me momma
because I have to tend to all the men at the course.
I hate that we were out of town when
he passed. God Bless you all.##imported-begin##Kim
Kincaid##imported-end##

April 23, 2012 at 06:31 PM



“ WE are sorry about your loss, thought alot of Ted. He will be greatly
missed.

Bob Medlin & family.##imported-begin##Medlin Family##imported-
end##

April 20, 2012 at 06:50 PM



“ He was a great man and will be missed alot. We knew him from
McCanless Golf Corse. He was like a grandfather to me. We love
and will miss him alot.##imported-begin##Erin##imported-end##

April 19, 2012 at 01:27 PM



“ So sorry to hear of Ted's passing.
He was such a great guy.
Our thoughts and prayers are with you.

Robert & Valerie Myers##imported-begin##VALERIE
MYERS##imported-end##

April 19, 2012 at 12:22 PM



“ Ted was my father's (Jake Holt) best friend. They played golf together for years but it went way beyond that. Ted would always come over to visit when I would fly in to town to visit my parents. He was truly part of our family. He especially loved my son and always asked about him. My father is in his last days and it is comforting for me and my nother (Nicki) to know Ted will be waiting for day. I'm sure they will play golf together for eternity.##imported-begin##Brenda Holt McGee##imported-end##

April 19, 2012 at 09:22 AM



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April 18, 2012 at 09:32 PM