



Ernest Gary Cress

June 19, 1941 - April 8, 2011

Mr. Ernest Gary Cress, 69, of Salisbury, NC passed away Friday, April 08, 2011 at Rowan Regional Medical Center.

Born June 19, 1941 in Rowan County, NC to Helen Shehan Cress of China Grove, NC and the late Ernest Gibson Cress, he attended Rowan County Schools and was a graduate of China Grove High School. He attended Rowan Cabarrus Community College. Mr. Cress was employed and retired from Norandal USA Inc. He also worked in law enforcement for over 40 years, most recently the Rowan County Sheriff's Department.

Mr. Cress was a member of Wittenberg Lutheran Church where he attended the Lyerly Woodard Sunday School Class.

In addition to his mother, Mr. Cress is survived by his wife, Johnnie Ruth Cress of Granite Quarry, whom he married on June 11, 1988; his daughter, Lori Cress Burke of Salisbury, NC; two brothers, Tommy Cress of Las Vegas, NV and Rodney Cress of China Grove, NC; and a granddaughter, Olivia Burke.

The family will receive friends 6-7:30 PM Sunday (Apr 10) at Summersett Funeral Home.

A funeral service will be at 1:00 PM Monday (Apr. 11) at Wittenberg Lutheran Church; conducted by Pastor Tom Cogan, Pastor of Wittenberg Lutheran Church. Burial will follow at the U.S. National Cemetery, Statesville Blvd. Location with military honors conducted by the Rowan County Veterans Honor Guard.

Memorials: Wittenberg Lutheran Church, PO Box 345, Granite Quarry, NC 28072 or First United Methodist Church, 217 S. Church St, Salisbury, NC 28144.

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

Tribute Wall



“ Sorry to hear about Gary's passing. He was always friendly and nice to talk with. Our prayers and thoughts are with you.##imported-begin##John and Linda Linker##imported-end##

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“ Our deepest condolences to all Gary's family at this time of great loss.

Although we cannot be there our thoughts and prayers are with all of you.##imported-begin##Rick and Kay Hartsell & Family##imported-end##

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