



Garland M. Cregger

January 19, 1922 - January 21, 2010

Another member of The Greatest Generation has died. Garland McDonald Cregger, Chief Petty Officer, Ret. Of Salisbury passed away at home on Thursday, January 21, 2010 after several years of declining health. He was born in Saltville, VA on January 19, 1922 to the late James Martin Cregger and Mabel Cynthia Cumbo Cregger. He is survived by his wife, Yvonne Potts Cregger and a sister Pauline (Polly) Cregger Jacobs of Salisbury. Also surviving are daughters Cynthia Carlson, California and Brenda Kahley, Pennsylvania and three grandchildren. He was predeceased by two brothers and three sisters.

Garland's twenty year military career began in 1942 with many years spent on LSTs. On the first day of the invasion of Normandy Garland was in the first wave of LSTs to arrive at Omaha Beach.

After his retirement from military service he completed his education at Florida State University where he earned a degree in Industrial Arts Education. He also earned a Master of Education degree from The State University of NY in Oswego and went on to teach for 13 years in junior highs in Maryland and Pennsylvania.

In 1975 he came to Spencer, NC and opened Cregger Gallery and Framing. His great passion was his art. He enjoyed doing his signature "copper

repousse", watercolors, creating new art techniques and visiting art shows and galleries. He also taught many classes in both mediums.

He attended First Baptist Church, Salisbury. Graveside services will be held at the US National Cemetery on Statesville Boulevard Monday, January 25, 2010 at 2:00 PM with Dr. Kenneth Lance, Minister at First Baptist Church, officiating. Burial will be with Military Honors.

A Visitation Celebration will be held after the graveside service at the Gables at Kepley Farm clubhouse on Garner Drive, Salisbury.

In lieu of flowers please consider memorials to Rowan Regional Medical Center Hospice, 720 Grove St., Salisbury, NC 28144 or to any Haiti Disaster Relief fund or a charity of the donor's choice.

Summersett Funeral Home is serving the Cregger family.

Tribute Wall



“ I enjoyed knowing Garland. You are in my thoughts and prayers. Patricia Gillespie##imported-begin##Patricia Gillespie##imported-end##

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“ I am sending my condolences to you Mrs. Cregger (I called you Miss Potts when I was your student at Park Road Elementary)I am sorry for your loss and just wanted you to know that I am keeping you and your family in my prayers. I have very fond memories of you and the kindness you showed me...##imported-begin##Melody Turner Jones##imported-end##

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“ To the family: I know he will be missed. But find joy in that he now lives in a place where there is no pain or suffering. May God bless and strengthen you all during this time.##imported-begin##Tony V Meece##imported-end##

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“ Yvonne...we were so sorry to hear of Garland's passing. You have out deepest sympathy.##imported-begin##Mike and Joyce Gregerson##imported-end##

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