



## George Leslie Champion

July 27, 1941 - May 22, 2026

George Leslie Champion passed away on May 22, 2026, at the age of 84 in Salisbury, NC. Born on July 27, 1941, in Prince Edwards, VA, George grew up attending Oak Hill primary school and developed lifelong friendships and values.

George retired from a fulfilling career at Carolina Rubber Hose in Salisbury and had also worked for Wilson Land Service. His work ethic and dedication to his roles were greatly admired by his colleagues and friends.

He was a follower of the Baptist faith and was known for his love for bluegrass gospel music, shooting pool with friends, barbequing for his family, and participating in activities at the Moose Lodge.

George was a loving husband to Novella Branch Champion for 15 years. He is survived by his wife Novella, daughter Robin Champion, stepson Allen (Lynn) Wagoner, daughters Laura (Kenneth) Mathis and Karen (Ryan) Matthews, brothers Whaylon (Janet) Champion, Walter (Linda) Champion, and Ikie (Susan) Howard, and his sister Laura Seamons, along with 6 step grandchildren and 2 step great grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his son Brent Champion, his sister Alma Sibley, and his beloved dog, Scooter.

A viewing will be held at Summersett Funeral Home at 1315 W Innes Street,

Salisbury, NC on May 28th at 12:00 p.m. , followed by a graveside service at 2:00 p.m. at Rowan Memorial Park in Salisbury at 2 p.m. The service will be conducted by his brother, Whaylon Champion.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the Spencer Moose Lodge at 1301 North Elizabeth Ave, Spencer, NC, in memory of George Leslie Champion. George's memory and legacy will live on through his family, friends, and all who knew him.

Summersett Funeral Home is serving the Champion family. Online condolences may be made at [www.summersettfuneralhome.com](http://www.summersettfuneralhome.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Rowan Memorial Park

4125 Franklin Comm Center Rd  
Salisbury, NC 28144  
(704) 636-8751

# Upcoming Events

## Visitation

**MAY 28.** 12:00 PM (ET)

Summersett Funeral Home  
1315 W. Innes St.  
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<https://www.summersettfuneralhome.com>

## Graveside Service

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