



## Homer Franklin Haworth

August 14, 1925 - May 16, 2022

Homer Franklin Haworth, Jr, passed away Monday, May 16, 2022 at Trinity Oaks in Salisbury, NC.

Born August 14, 1925 in High Point, NC, as the only child of Homer F Haworth Sr and Charlie Mae Cridlebaugh Haworth, he led a life of devotion and loyalty. First to Education; a BA at Davidson College and an MA at University of Michigan followed by a career as a highly decorated high school band director for 30 years. He served as presidents of both the NC Music Educators Association and the American School Band Directors Association and is in the NC Band Director's Hall of Fame among other professional honors.

His second loyalty was to the US military; as a young man of Quaker upbringing, he controversially volunteered to enlist in the Navy and served as an ensign on the U.S.S. Gurke DD783. Military service in WWII made a deep impression on him, and was an experience that would instill in him discipline and honor and an unusual habit of navy showers for his entire life.

His third loyalty was to his church and family. He was a devoted Presbyterian and served as elder, deacon, choir director, and various other roles. He was a loving and doting husband to wife, Marjorie Ann Brown Haworth and awesome dad to his surviving children, daughters, Carlin Styers (Tom) of Albemarle, Ann Hatchett (Parker) of Salisbury, and Bryan Haworth (Julie) of

Plano, Texas; grandchildren Anna Styers Decker (Ben), Carson C. Hatchett (Sarah), Corinne Haworth, Camille Haworth and Luke Haworth; and great-grandchildren Amelia Decker, Holly Decker and Harper Decker.

He was a bit of a perfectionist, especially when it came to his music. He was an accomplished trumpet player. He loved a good joke and was a great storyteller. And he was always generous with his time and talents for anyone in need.

A memorial service will be conducted at 10:30 AM Monday, May 23, 2022 at the Trinity Oaks chapel, and a graveside service will be at 11:00 AM on Tuesday, May 24, 2022 at Salisbury National Cemetery. Memorial may be made to the Trinity Oaks Employee Appreciation Fund, 728 Klumac Road, Salisbury, NC 28144.

Summersett Funeral Home is serving the Haworth Family. Online condolences may be made at [www.Summersettfuneralhome.com](http://www.Summersettfuneralhome.com).

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

MAY **23**. 10:30 AM (ET)

Trinity Oaks  
728 Klumac Rd.  
Salisbury, NC 28144

## Graveside Service

MAY **24**. 11:00 AM (ET)

U.S. National Cemetery  
1601 Brenner Ave.  
Salisbury, NC 28144

# Tribute Wall

SM

“ Our sincere condolences to the Haworth families. Hold tight to your memories, he will never leave your heart. Praying for comfort and peace for you all. Sean & Margie March

Sean & Margie March - May 23, 2022 at 10:29 AM

LF

“ So very sorry for your loss. I have so many wonderful memories of being in the band and Mr Hayworth was the best director and put up with so much from us!! He had such a tremendous impact on countless young lives. Praying for your peace and comfort during this difficult time and hoping that the memories from all the lives he touched will make this time a little easier for you.

Libby Allen Frei - May 21, 2022 at 02:48 PM

JC

“ Mr Haworth was an awesome band director. I had him for 7 years and enjoyed every minute. I last saw him around 20 years ago in Tabor City NC where he was judging a marching competition that both my kids were in. He had not changed a bit!!!  
Peace and love to his family during this difficult time but please know that he made a wonderful long lasting impression on everyone he met and especially his band students. We all knew the Mr Haworth was the BEST!!!❤️❤️❤️❤️❤️

Jane Patterson Crowder - May 20, 2022 at 08:17 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Homer Franklin Haworth.*



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May 20, 2022 at 04:31 PM



“ *Homer Haworth was a guiding force in my life. He encouraged me to try the flute and bass clarinet when I reached my limit with the B-flat clarinet. (I just didn't have the talent to hit the high notes.) In high school marching band, he welcomed me to the Flag Team even though I was one of the fattest girls in my class. I marched my chubby thighs in that short skirt and white majorette boots, with tassels we hand-made, feeling such pride and a tremendous sense of belonging and being fully accepted. He changed my life and my perceptions of myself, my reach. Thank you, Mr. Haworth, from this Fat Kid who wore Golden Lion silk and proudly carried that flag! You made a positive difference in the lives of so many kids who needed to belong to something wonderful, of truly top-notch quality. Not many people could make me happily march through rain and mud, heat and sweat. He did it, and we smiled the whole way through. Thanks for a life well-lived!*

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**Lee Ann (Weems) Prescott** - May 20, 2022 at 08:14 AM

BP

“ I’ll always remember my years in band from 6th grade through 12th. The best part was in high school at SHS. Mr. Haworth expected a lot but knew how to get that from us. I especially enjoyed getting to travel to away football games. We always had award winning bands under the direction of Mr. Haworth. I called him when my class ( SHS 65) was having our 45 th reunion to see if he had recordings of the school song and alma mater. Of course he did and graciously let us use them at the reunion. I’ll always have fond memories of Mr. Haworth. I pray for peace and comfort for all his family and friends.  
Betty Poston Peeler SHS Class of 65

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**Betty Poston Peeler** - May 19, 2022 at 10:43 PM

MH

“ Mr. Haworth has always been a significant person in my life and was instrumental in teaching me an appreciation of band music as well as building character. He was an amazing teacher and mentor. Wish I had kept in touch through the years yet continue to be grateful for his influence on me as a young junior high and high school gal growing up in Shelby, NC. I am flooded with wonderful memories! Heartfelt thoughts to his wife and family. I also have fond memories of babysitting for his daughters when they were quite young, adorable children!

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**Martha Rose Hood** - May 19, 2022 at 10:10 PM

LW

“ Dear Carlin, Ann and Bryan,  
Your Dad had a profound influence on my life. Carlin and I were great friends growing up, and I saw another side of Mr. Haworth at home. He was an amazing educator, musician and leader. I remember his absolute insistence on close to perfection! He was so intelligent and only wanted the best for his students. He "raised" some great musicians and it was fun while we were learning. Peace for all of the Haworth family. I love you.  
Linda Hamrick Williams '73

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**Linda Hamrick Williams** - May 19, 2022 at 08:09 PM

JW

“ So very sorry to hear this. He was an amazing man that had the respect of not only other band directors across the state but band members as well. I was in the band at KMHS under Donald Deal and we always looked forward to combining our talents with the SHS band on the football field. He always demanded your best.

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**Jane Williams** - May 19, 2022 at 04:13 PM

LG

“ ONCE A GOLDEN LION ALWAYS A GOLDEN LION! Rest In Peace my friend. You will never be forgotten at Shelby High School.  
Larry Gamble-Class of 1967

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**Larry Gamble** - May 19, 2022 at 02:56 PM

SM

“ I was in the band with Mr. Haworth from 6th grade until SHS graduation in '64. His name is prominent on the long list of people who've taught me music, giving me a gift that's brought joy to my life for over 70 years. I have so many fond memories of Mr. Haworth as a teacher and director. He hated giving tests, but was required to do so; I still remember he always asked us the 3 rules of marching band--"don't anticipate, don't look down, stand between 2 people". I remember his seemingly endless patience, dealing with 90 or so rowdy teenagers on those road trips to football games, and to the Cherry Blossom Festival in DC in '61, and those annual trips to Bristol. I'm grateful for his long life. I'm sorry for your loss, made more poignant by being on the anniversary of your mother's death. May God give you comfort during this transition.

*Sally Gaffney Meredith*

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**Sally Gaffney Meredith** - May 19, 2022 at 01:37 PM

AW

“ Thoughts and prayers to the family. Mr. Haworth was the best band director. He inspired all of us to be better musicians. I hope he knew how much we all loved him!

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**Anne Ware** - May 19, 2022 at 10:59 AM

KL

“ Dear Carlin, Ann, and Bryan,  
My deepest condolences. I remember your father putting a cornet to my lips when applying for beginner band, and that led to many happy years in bands and orchestras through Shelby Junior High School, Shelby High School, and Western Carolina University. And along the way the many times he, and your Mother, helped prepare us for, and drive us to, various tryouts for All State Bands, and St. Andrews College Summer Camps, too many to mention here, and always feeling welcome at your home. Great times, enhanced by a great man.  
All My Love, Kevin Lee in Shelby.

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**Kevin Lee** - May 19, 2022 at 10:08 AM

KW

Dear Carlin, Ann and Bryan,  
Condolences to all of you in the death of you dad. He was an extraordinary director and music leader. My brother Conrad (Trombone & Class of 65) was in band through high school. I dropped out after 9th grade. I had concerns about marching due to my disability. But I am thankful for expanding my love of music as a result of your dad.

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**Ken Wease** - May 20, 2022 at 04:16 PM

BO

Mr Hayworth always had stories about all of us. Some we would really like to forget! Very big influence on many of us growing up. A very big good influence on all of our lives!

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**Bill Oehler** - May 23, 2022 at 09:07 PM