



Howard Curtis "Pete" Needham

June 7, 1929 - January 28, 2012

Howard Curtis "Pete" Needham, 82, of Salisbury died Saturday (Jan. 28) at Rowan Regional Medical Center.

Born June 7, 1929 in Mecklenburg County, he was the son of the late Thomas and Bertha Pyron Needham. He was educated in the Danville, VA and Winston-Salem, NC schools.

Mr. Needham was employed for Cannon Mills, Plant #1 for 25 years before retiring in 1994.

He was a member of Coburn Memorial United Methodist Church and was active in Catawba College Baseball and American Legion Baseball. He spent his entire life mentoring players of Catawba College and the American Legion Baseball Teams and the coaches.

Funeral services will be conducted 11:00 AM – Wednesday (Feb. 1) at Summersett Memorial Chapel with the Rev., Dr. Kenneth Clapp, Chaplain at Catawba College.

Interment will be at Mountain View Cemetery in Danville, VA at a later date.

Memorials may be made to the Catawba College Baseball Program, 2300 W. Innes St., Salisbury, NC 28144

Tribute Wall



“ I played American Legion Baseball and then continued my career at Catawba college. I have known Pete for a really long time and he has had a real influence on my life. It was always a great feeling going into the locker room getting greeted by Pete. He will be greatly missed by everyone associated with American Legion Baseball as well as Catawba college. The clubhouse will never be the same. We love you Pete##imported-begin##Brett Hatley##imported-end##

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“ You will be missed greatly. Rowan Legion and Catawba baseball will never be the same.##imported-begin##Bryan Surratt##imported-end##

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“ Rest in Peace old friend. I'm sure you and Coach Williams are sitting on a bench somewhere in heaven watching a game and debating the proper execution of the suicide squeeze.##imported-begin##Jeremy Mabe##imported-end##

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“ God Bless you Pete, you were a true friend and I will always appreciate your support and loyalty to Catawba Baseball. We will all miss you dearly.##imported-begin##Phil Pacelli##imported-end##

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