



## Mr. Ivan Hoyt Pope Jr.

July 20, 1940 - March 3, 2018

Ivan Hoyt Pope, Jr., 77, of Salisbury, passed away peacefully on Saturday, March 3, 2018, at his residence surrounded by his family.

Hoyt was born in Salisbury on July 20, 1940, the son of the late Ivan Hoyt Pope, Sr. and Narvis Kluttz Pope. He was also predeceased by an infant daughter, Amy Kathryn Pope.

Hoyt was educated in the West Rowan and Salisbury schools, and graduated from Boyden High. He attended NC State where he was a member of Sigma Nu, Beta Tau Chapter; He graduated from Brevard College where he felt honored to be a volunteer firefighter; and he attended UNC-Chapel Hill where he perfected his love of a great Carolina ballgame.

Hoyt loved the business world; He worked alongside his father and became the owner/operator of Pope Plumbing & Heating Co. in Salisbury, having been a plumber for over 50 years when he retired from that business. He also owned/operated Snipes & Associates, Inc., a commercial, general contracting company in Salisbury, in which he worked alongside his children for 10 plus years before completely deciding to retire.

A longtime member of St. John's Lutheran Church in Salisbury, Hoyt also cared deeply for the congregation at Lebanon Lutheran Church in Cleveland, where he spent a great deal of his childhood. Mr. Pope was a loving husband of 52 years, a great father, grandfather, and friend to all. Hoyt was a Boy Scout, he loved nature, and the outdoors; he loved golfing, gardening, and tending to crops and Black Angus cattle in his retirement. He had been a

longtime member of the Country Club of Salisbury, having once served on the Board as President. Hoyt had often supported Catawba College Athletics and participated several times in Habitat for Humanity efforts.

He is survived by his wife, Gwen Pope; son, Andrew Pope (Cheryl); daughter Robin Pope; two grandchildren, Drew Pope and Jax Pope; sisters, Betty P. Coulthard, Carol K. Pope, and Janet P. Hill; several nieces, nephews, cousins, and an Aunt Rosalie whom he adored.

Hoyt often expressed, as does his family, sincere gratitude to those that provided wonderful treatment and care: Doctors Brent Seifert, Atlee Johnson, and William Brinkley, and Rowan Hospice and Palliative Care.

Visitation: 1:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m., Wednesday, March 7, at Lebanon Lutheran Church Fellowship Hall, 1200 Thompson Rd., Cleveland, NC 27013.

Service: A celebration of his life will be held Wednesday, March 7, 2018, at 2:30 p.m. at Lebanon Lutheran Church, with the Rev. Clarence Sifford, Pastor Emeritus, officiating.

Memorials: In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to: Catawba College Athletics, 2300 W. Innes St., Salisbury, NC 28144, Rowan Hospice and Palliative Care, 720 Grove St., Salisbury, NC 28144, or to the Donors charity of choice.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR 7. 1:00 PM - 2:30 PM (ET)

Lebanon Lutheran Church  
Cleveland, NC

## Memorial Service

MAR 7. 2:30 PM (ET)

Lebanon Lutheran Church  
Cleveland, NC

# Tribute Wall



“ *Gwen, Robin, Andy, Carol, Janet and Family,*

*So sorry for your loss. May your memories comfort you and your faith sustain you.*

*Sincerely,*

*Edith "Betsy" Boland Eubanks*

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**Edith Eubanks** - March 06, 2018 at 11:23 AM



“ *Sapphire Skies Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mr. Ivan Hoyt Pope Jr..*



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March 05, 2018 at 10:44 AM

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“ We meet Gwen and Hoyt in 1975 at the Salisbury CC. We were new to Salisbury, Gwen and Hoyt made us feel like a part of of the community inviting us to play golf, dinner and their house in Kiawah. We felt at home.

I guess my favorite memory was the trips to Greensboro which I made daily beginning in 1990. I left Salisbury around 5:30 every morning, I85 was a great road and at 75 mph it only took 52 min. from our house to my office. Many a time I would catch Hoyt around exit 91. He was driving a White Caddy, probably at 70 mph see me coming hold out his arm motioning for me to slow down. At the time, I was always in a hurry.

That little story taught me to slow down a little because Hoyt never got in a hurry as well as doing things the right way the first time.

Thank you Mr. Pope for your welcome to Salisbury to me and Ebbie and helping me to learn to smell the flowers on our road of life.

Michael J. Whisenant



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Michael Whisenant - March 05, 2018 at 05:57 AM