



James W. Duke

April 21, 1929 - May 10, 2025

James “Jay” W. Duke, age 96, of Salisbury passed away Saturday, May 10, 2025 surrounded by his family.

Mr. Duke was born April 21, 1929 in Orange County, NC, the son of the late John Worth Duke and Maudie Clark Duke. A graduate of Chapel Hill High School and the University of North Carolina Chapel Hill, he served in the US Army.

Jay began his career in Salisbury as a store manager for Firestone, then Savings Supply Co., which became the first Moore’s Building Supply store in NC. He later managed Lee L. Woodard’s Carolina Forge wrought iron furniture plant. He ended his career with MW Windows as a Regional Sales Manager for Charlotte and surrounding cities.

Jay was a member of First United Methodist Church in Salisbury where he served as a Trustee; was on the Board of Directors for Citizens Savings and Loan, Board of Directors of Salisbury Country Club, Meals on Wheels volunteer, member of Salisbury/Rowan Chamber of Commerce and a member of the Salisbury Jaycees upon moving to Salisbury in 1958.

Jay loved the game of golf and its history, having played most of the courses in the Southeast. His highlight was playing with Arnold Palmer at Latrobe CC in the 70s. He was an avid card player and enjoyed coastal fishing and family events.

He was preceded in death by his wife of 66 years Kathy Snyder Duke on March 23, 2024, and daughter-in-law Tamara Dyson Duke on December 12,

2013.

Those left to cherish his memories are son David Duke (Connie) of Salisbury; grandchildren Carol Young (Cy), Jay Duke, Leah Welborn (Cody) and Kristen Collins; great-grandchildren Raegan Young, Eli Young and Isla Welborn.

There will be a private service and burial at, the Old Chapel Hill Cemetery at UNC-Chapel Hill, at a later date.

Memorials: Meals On Wheels (www.mowrowan.org), St. Jude's (www.stjude.org) or to Samaritan's Purse (www.samaritanspurse.org).

Summersett Funeral Home is serving the Duke family. Online condolences may be made at www.summersettfuneralhome.com.

Tribute Wall

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“ David, Connie and all the family, I'm so sorry to hear of the passing of your Father, David. Please know that each of you are in my thoughts and prayers. Love you guys,
Melinda Hager



Melinda Hager - May 14, 2025 at 06:50 PM

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“ David, Connie and family. So sorry for the loss of your Father. Sending my thoughts and prayers. He must have been an amazing Man, Husband and Father. With my deepest sympathy.
Glenda(Martin) Fuller

Glenda M. Fuller - May 13, 2025 at 10:51 PM