



Mr. James Lon Oliver Jr.

September 25, 1924 - September 27, 2013

James Lon Oliver, Jr., age 89, of Salisbury passed away Friday, September 27, 2013 at Novant Health Rowan Medical Center. He was a resident of Carillon Assisted Living Center for the past 3 years.

Mr. Oliver was born September 25, 1924 in Watauga County the son of the late Cora Hampton Oliver and James Lon Oliver. Jim proudly served in the US Navy as a Gunner's Mate in WWII. He served in the military with honor and loved his country. He was a brave man and often related stories of his time on the Navy ship as a young man. He was a dedicated American soldier and fought for what he believed in. Even though Alzheimer's Disease had taken away most of his memory, he still recalled with much pride his service in the US Navy where he received numerous medals and awards for exemplary service. Before his illness, he was an active member of the American Legion Post 54 in Cooleemee and VFW Post 1119 of Cooleemee -Mocksville.

Jim worked at Celanese in Salisbury for 20 years. After his retirement in 1986, he and his wife enjoyed traveling and spending time with their children and grandchildren. He was a member of Cooleemee Presbyterian Church.

Those left to cherish his memories are his wife of 66 years Katherine Jones Oliver. Together they raised four children; Robert Lee Spry and wife Elaine of Cooleemee, James M. Oliver and wife Susan of Salisbury, Johnny LeVan

Oliver and wife Tamara of Kannapolis and Terry Lynn Oliver Todd and husband Doug of Conway, SC; 12 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

Funeral Service and Visitation: Visitation 1-2:00 PM Monday September 30, 2013 at The Chapel in the Pines at Rowan Memorial Park. Service: 2:00 PM conducted by Rev. John Groff with Military Honors. Entombment will follow in the Chapel in the Pines Mausoleum.

The family would especially like to thank the staff of Carillon Assisted Nursing for the loving care they provided during his illness.

In lieu of flowers memorials may be made to Cooleemee Presbyterian Church, PO Box 27, Cooleemee, NC 27014 or the Western Carolina Chapter of Alzheimer's Association, 3800 Shamrock Dr., Charlotte, NC 28215.

Tribute Wall

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“ Dear Family,

I have been out of town and was reading the paper on-line this morning & saw where Uncle Jim had passed away. I am so sorry. Thinking of you with much love, Sherri Brown Schulze

Sherri Brown Schulze - October 02, 2013 at 07:40 AM

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“ Please accept my condolences Oliver family. My family and I have always been comforted by 1CORINTHIANS15:26 WHICH SAYS THAT:The Last Enemy Death will be brought to NOTHING.

Frances H. - September 30, 2013 at 09:45 AM