



Mr. John Otis Lowery Jr.

September 18, 1935 - October 8, 2015

John Otis Lowery, Jr., 80, of Salisbury passed Thursday, October 8, 2015 at the Glenn A. Kiser Hospice House.

He was a loving husband and father and will be missed greatly.

Born August 18, 1935 at the Salisbury Hospital, he was the son of the late Dorothy Eleanor McKagen Lowery and John Otis Lowery, Sr.

Mr. Lowery was educated in the Salisbury schools and graduated from Boyden High School in 1954, he received his graduate degree from UNC-Chapel Hill and his Master's Degree in Social Work from the University of Tennessee, Memphis and Knoxville.

He retired from the Rowan County Department of Social Services where he served as a Department Supervisor. He also worked 2 years with the Commission for the Blind.

A man with many interests, he collected antique music boxes, phonographs and enjoyed playing his German Street Organ at events such as Fall Festivals including the Renaissance Festival and was a regular participant in Gatlinburg Tennessee Christmas events. John loved the outdoors, special interest were Japanese Maples and Roses, serving as an American Rose Society Judge.

While at Boyden High School, John worked at the Capital Theatre as an usher and popcorn popper. These funds helped pay his UNC-Chapel Hill fees. The manager of the Salisbury theatre called the manager of the theatre at Chapel Hill who hired John and these funds were added to his tuition and his ultimate graduation from UNC.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his sister, Eleanor Joyce Lowery who died in 2006.

Those left to cherish his memories are his wife of 53 years, Rebecca Thomason Lowery; daughter, Kimberly Elizabeth Lowery of Hilo, Hawaii; a loving lively 96 year old aunt, Audrey McKagen Cole of McLean, VA.

The family will receive friends from 12-1 PM Saturday (Oct. 10) at the Summersett Funeral Home.

Funeral services will be conducted at 1 PM – Saturday (Oct. 10) at Summersett Memorial Chapel with the Rev. Kellie Browne officiating.

Memorials may be made to John Calvin Presbyterian Church, 1620 Brenner Ave., Salisbury, NC 28144

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **10**. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Summersett Memorial Chapel
1315 W. Innes St.
Salisbury, NC 28144

Service

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Tribute Wall

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“ John was my supervisor in the Adult Service Unit at Rowan DSS. He was a man of so many talents, and we shared common interests of music and camping. I began my love of opera with his help. I never ceased to be amazed at his extensive knowledge in so many areas. He was the kind of supervisor I could disagree with and still feel valued. I will never forget visiting his house and being treated to a vast array of music boxes, phonographs, and of course the "musical organ". He looked pretty good in his leiderhosen too. I will always cherish these memories and miss him very much. Becky, you are certainly in my thoughts and prayers at this time.

Sincerely,
Carole E. Young

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