



## John Ross Parnell

March 16, 1944 - October 12, 2021

John Ross Parnell, 77, of Salisbury, passed away peacefully at his home on October 12, 2021.

Born in Rowan County on March 16, 1944, he was the son of the late Floyd Alson Parnell and Elsie Cress Parnell. In addition to his parents he was preceded in death by brother, Davey Lee "Buck" Parnell and sister-in-law, Bette Wood Parnell.

A 1962 graduate of South Rowan High School, he attended General Motors Training Center, Charlotte, retired from City Garage, China Grove, his family business, after more than 50 years, served with the US Army, 991st Transportation Unit, Salisbury, was a member of Eureka Masonic Lodge No. 283, and in 2015 was recognized for his 50 years as a Master Mason.

He was a life member of Grace Lutheran Church where he served as an usher, on the church council and a Boy Scout Leader.

He is survived by his wife, Patsy Hudson Parnell; brother-in-law, Barry Hudson and many beloved Cress and Parnell cousins and dear friends.

A funeral service will be held Sunday, October 17, 2021 at 3:00 pm at Grace Lutheran Church with interment in the Church cemetery with full Masonic Rites. Mr. Parnell will lie in state for thirty minutes prior to the funeral hour. Following the service, visitation will be held in the Family Life Center. The family ask that those attending please wear a mask.

Memorials may be made to Grace Lutheran Church Building Fund, 3020 Grace Church Road, Salisbury, NC 28147 or Shriners' Children's Hospital,

950 W. Faris Road, Greenville, SC 29605.

Summersett Funeral Home is serving the Parnell family. Online condolences may be made at [www.summersettfuneralhome.com](http://www.summersettfuneralhome.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Grace Lutheran Church Cemetery

3020 Grace Church Rd.  
Salisbury, NC 28147

# Previous Events

## Funeral Service

OCT 17. 3:00 PM (ET)

Grace Lutheran Church  
3020 Grace Church Rd.  
Salisbury, NC 28147  
[office@summersettfuneral.com](mailto:office@summersettfuneral.com)

# Tribute Wall

KP

“ Patsy, please know you and the entire family have been in our thoughts and prayers these past days. We have been holding you all in the light for peace and comfort. Your memories of Johnny will always bring you such joy. Much love,  
Kathy and David Pulliam  
Salisbury NC

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**Kathy Graham Pulliam** - October 19, 2021 at 01:53 PM

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“ Thoughts and prayers for you Patsy. Linda Scarborough

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**Linda Scarborough** - October 17, 2021 at 12:45 PM

BC

“ I've lost a fun loving , childhood playmate, and friend. Rest In Peace Johnny Ross, I'll continue to think about you on our special day, March 16.

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**Barbara Miller Collins** - October 17, 2021 at 10:01 AM

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“ RALPH DEAL lit a candle in memory of John Ross Parnell



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**RALPH DEAL** - October 14, 2021 at 05:39 PM