



Mr. Joseph Paul Green

August 16, 1935 - February 11, 2017

Joseph Paul Green, 81, of Salisbury passed away peacefully, Saturday, February 11, 2017. He was surrounded by his two sons Tom and Richard.

Born August 16, 1935 in Rowan County, North Carolina, Joe was the son of the late Thomas D. Green and Mable Hodge Green.

At age 18, he joined the US Army and served on active duty until he retired in 1974 as a Sergeant First Class (E-7). He then went to work for the Veterans Administration and retired from the VA in 2003. Joe was a decorated combat veteran having served two tours in Vietnam, he received multiple awards to include the Bronze Star with Valor Device. Wounded on both tours, Joe received two Purple Hearts and he was also awarded, the Vietnam Campaign Medal, the Vietnam Gallantry Cross, the Combat Infantry Badge, National Defense Service Medal, Good Conduct Medal among many others medals during his many years of service. While in country (Vietnam) Joe was assigned to a Special Forces Group as a weapons Sergeant. He also served with the 82d Airborne Division at Ft. Bragg, NC and the United States Army Europe being stationed in West Germany. Joe was a silent patriot who rarely spoke of his military service, but his contributions to the United States Military and her Veterans was truly remarkable. Joe loved his country.

Joe enjoyed spending time with his large family, especially his many nieces, nephews and great-nieces and nephews. He laughed, loved and told stories. He cherished the long lasting friendships he made while serving his Country and the friendships he developed as a young boy growing up in Rowan County.

He was predeceased in death in 2015 by his wife of 57 years, Anna Mair Green.

Left to cherish his memory are his sons, Thomas Joseph Green and Richard Allen Green (Erin); sister Frances G. Witkowski, grandchildren, Daniel C. Green (Kathryn), Alexander Green, R. Tate Green and Sierra Braun Green, a great-grandson Silas Green and his extended family and friends. In addition to his wife, Joe was also predeceased in death by

a brother William Green and a sister Margaret Green Wansley. Joe was an active member of Milford Hills United Methodist Church where he built a foundation on which to raise a family and began his spiritual journey with his Savior.

His family will receive friends in the Fellowship Hall at Milford Hills United Methodist Church, Salisbury, North Carolina on Tuesday February 14th, 2017 at 12:30 p.m.. Immediately following, a celebration of Joe's life will be conducted at 1:30 p.m. at Milford Hills United Methodist Church, with the Rev. Carol Williams Gilbert officiating.

Joe will be laid to rest at 2:30 p.m. at Rowan Memorial Park with military honors and he will rejoin his beloved Anna.

Previous Events

Reception

FEB 14. 12:30 PM - 1:30 PM (ET)

Milford Hills United Methodist Church
Salisbury, NC

Service

FEB 14. 1:30 PM (ET)

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Salisbury, NC

Tribute Wall



“ *Summersett Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Mr. Joseph Paul Green*



Summersett Funeral Home and Cremation Center - February 13, 2017 at 11:56 AM

LB

“ *Joe and I were part of a group that ran together every Sunday morning. He was so strong and supportive. He is in my thoughts and prayers.*

Lyn Boulter - February 14, 2017 at 02:16 PM

BL

“ *I always spoke to him. We went to care givers luncheon together. He Loved people. He will be missed. Love to Tom and Richard. Nieces and nephews also.*
Bettina Lail

Bettina Lail - February 14, 2017 at 11:29 AM

CA

“ *Charlie and Alexis purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Mr. Joseph Paul Green.*



Charlie and Alexis - February 13, 2017 at 10:39 AM

AS

“ *Richard, Tate and Erin,*

Charlie and I are sending prayers for all. We love you and if you need anything or just want to talk. We are here for you.

Charlie and Alexis Sensabaugh

Alexis Sensabaugh - February 13, 2017 at 09:30 AM



I knew Joe for far to short a time but I will always remember him in my heart.

Peggy Pratt-Brown

Peggy S Pratt-Brown - February 14, 2017 at 10:38 PM