



## Joseph McDowell Gamewell, III

January 1, 1935 - March 12, 2013

Joseph McDowell Gamewell, III, 78, Professional Engineer, of Salisbury, NC departed to be with his Lord on Tuesday, March 12, 2013 at the NC Veterans Nursing Home after several years of declining health. Memories of the life of Mr. Gamewell will forever live, for he was a loving husband, father, grandfather and friend. He will be missed by all who knew him. He loved to share his talents with all whom were fortunate to work with him and he always had time to teach and to listen.

Mr. Gamewell was born on January 1, 1935 in Lexington, NC son of the late Joseph McDowell Gamewell, Jr. and Jennie Pickett Gamewell.

Mr. Gamewell is survived by his beloved wife, help-mate and soul mate, Peggy Eagle Gamewell; daughter Sally Justice (James) of Canton; sons; Joe Gamewell, IV (Marilyn) of Taylorsville, Bevan Gamewell of Mooresville and Paul Gamewell (Teresa) of Morganton; granddaughters Catherine and Rachel Gamewell of Morganton; grandson Nicholas (Nick) Gamewell of Taylorsville; brother Tomme T. Gamewell (Jane) of Salisbury; sisters Elizabeth Patterson of Amarillo, TX and Jennifer Watson (Jim) of Big Island, VA.

Mr. Gamewell attended Augusta Military Academy in Fort Defiance, VA, Boyden High School in Salisbury and Southern Technical Institute in Marietta, GA where he graduated with Honors with a double major. Associate in Science in Heating and Air Conditioning Technology and Associate in Science in Electrical Technology-Electronics.

He served honorably in the US Navy on the USS Prairie (AD-15) in which his ship made two round the world cruises. While in the US Navy he earned 2 medals National Defense Medal and Good Conduct Medal. He served his country for 4 years and then transferred to the reserve for an additional 4 years and received an Honorable Discharge.

His professional career culminated when he and his brother, Tomme Gamewell founded Gamewell Mechanical, Inc. The first project was a major renovation at Rowan Regional Medical Center. Joe started another corporation in 1974, Gamewell Manufacturing, Inc.

which manufactured air filtration, air handling and refrigeration equipment to control the environment in industrial plants. The main focus was custom made units for the automotive and related industries.

In 1983, Mr. Gamewell started a new company, Joseph M. Gamewell Associates, Inc. The corporation provided services of designing Heating, Ventilation, and Air Conditioning (HVAC) systems and also performed Testing, Adjusting and Balancing of the HVAC Systems. In 1997, Mr. Gamewell became a Registered Professional Engineer in the Mechanical discipline and was licensed to practice in 3 states; North Carolina, Virginia and Maryland. Mr. Gamewell designed the HVAC systems at Rowan Regional Medical Center for several outstanding projects: The Wilson L. Smith Outpatient Center and Medical Offices, Dietary and Kitchen Renovations, Power Plant, and OB/Gyn area. Other projects include NCSU; Partner's Building at Centennial Campus; other Hospitals and Lowe's Corporate Headquarters in Mooresville.

He traveled to South Africa to learn candy making process and when he returned he designed Beacon Sweets in Mooresville which is well known for its fine chocolate and hard candies. He also traveled to Guangzhou China and Kowloof, Hong Kong for another project known as Atotech. Lab Corp of America was a major client for the Corporation and required Joe traveling to Phoenix, AZ; Burlington, Greensboro and the Research Triangle Park Area.

Mr. Gamewell was a past member of The National Society of Professional Engineers; American Society of Heating, Refrigeration, and Air Conditioning Engineers, Inc.; American Society of Plumbing Engineers; The consulting Engineers Council of North Carolina; and the National Environmental Balancing Bureau. He Retired in August 2005 due to declining health.

Through the years, Mr. Gamewell also made time to serve his Church as a Sunday School Teacher, Member of the Church Council and also Chairman of the Building Committee. He was a member of Bethel Lutheran Church in Salisbury.

Visitation: The family will receive friends on Thursday from 6-8:00 PM at Summersett Funeral Home and at other times the family will be at the home.

Service: A service celebrating his life will be held on Friday (Mar. 15) at 2:00 PM at Bethel Lutheran Church conducted by Rev. Carroll Robinson. Inurnment will follow at Rowan Memorial Park Chapel in The Pines Mausoleum with Military Honors.

Memorials: Bethel Lutheran Church, "Kitchen Renovation Fund", 355 E. Ridge Rd.,  
Salisbury, NC 28147.

# Tribute Wall



“ I am sorry to hear about Joe’s death. My sympathy, prayers and best wishes are with the Gamewell family during this difficult time.

Michael Bowers###imported-begin###Michael Bowers###imported-end##

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March 14, 2013 at 02:34 PM



“ Dearest Gamewell family and friends,  
Please accept our deepest condolences on the loss of your father and friend to many. From reading the obituary he certainly had an active and interesting life while on this earth. His heavenly mansion is now his home. As a new saint we will one day be together with him again.

God bless!

Wayne & Leslie Giese###imported-begin###Wayne Giese###imported-end##

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March 14, 2013 at 11:23 AM



“ Hi Peggy:  
I know things are unsettled right now, but when you get to this, I just want you to know that Joe will be greatly missed in places other than the family and home. To me, Joe was a mentor, a great teacher to any receptive student, a humanitarian, and a great friend. He is one person outside my family that I can truly say that I very much loved and respected. I will sorely miss him.

Rest assured, my friend, Joe is now in the hands of our supreme grand master, who has done all things well, to receive the rest and peace that is promised all good and faithful servants. We can only now continue and wait to join him in the light of the everlasting day.

To my departing friend I say God Speed and Fare-the-Well.

Tommy Cohen###imported-begin###Tommy Cohen###imported-end##

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March 13, 2013 at 06:48 AM



“ I was just looking at the *Summersett Obituaries* and saw the obit for Joe. My heart felt sorrow is for the entire family. Joe was a great person and I am sure you will miss him dearly.  
May Gof give you Peace  
Bill Aaron (Boyden Class of '53)##imported-begin##Bill Aaron##imported-end##

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March 12, 2013 at 11:04 PM