



Mr. Lawrence Edward Safley

June 6, 1930 - May 29, 2015

Lawrence Edward Safley, age 84, of Salisbury passed away Friday, May 29, at his residence.

Mr. Safley was born June 6, 1930 in Rowan County the son of the late Leona Hoffman Safley and Thomas Martin Safley. Lawrence was a graduate of Woodleaf High School and a Veteran of the US Navy. He retired as a Conductor for Southern Railway in 1992 after 42 years of service. Lawrence was a lifelong member of Gay's Chapel United Methodist Church and a faithful member of Harry Steele Bible Study Class, member of Methodist Men since it began and received Methodist Men's "Man of the Year" award.

Lawrence enjoyed time spent with his children and grandchildren which included many fun beach and mountain trips. He was a "Man of many tales" and will leave stories to be told by everyone that knew him.

Lawrence's railroad years and his co-workers were a very important part of his life. Retirement allowed him time to enjoy golfing with his "buddies" and faithfully visiting the sick and shut-ins.

Preceding him in death was his beloved wife of 59 years Nancy Lyerly Safley on April 13, 2013; sisters Mary Evelyn Shoaf and Alice Williams.

Those left to cherish his memories are his daughters Debbie Heilig (Mike) of Salisbury, Carolyn Link (Randy) of Woodleaf and Lori Everson (Terry) of

Loveland, Colorado; brother James Safley (Judy) of Salisbury; sister Wilma Waller (Bob) of Salisbury; grandchildren Mandi Boedicker (Ryan), Abbi Heilig, Mallie and Zeb Link, Clay and Maygan Everson; great-grandchildren Easton Blalock and Hudson Boedicker.

Service: 11:00 AM Monday, June 1, at Gay's Chapel United Methodist Church conducted by Rev. Frank Gordon , Rev. Mary Gordon and Rev. Tony Jordan. Mr. Safley will be open for viewing in the church at 10:30 AM until service.

Visitation: Will follow service in the Fellowship Hall until 2:00 PM at which time the burial will take place.

The family would like to give a special thanks to his caregivers Diane, Jenn, Shanna, Cassi, Jacinta, Miranda, Betty and Rita for their loving care of Mr. Safley.

Memorial may be made to Gay's Chapel United Methodist Church, 5545 Woodleaf Rd., Salisbury, NC 28147.

Tribute Wall

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“ *Lawrence was always a blessing to talk to. Pray the Lord's peace be with each of you.*

*Pastor Joey Spry
Romans 5:8*

Pastor Joey Spry - June 03, 2015 at 01:16 AM



“ *I will always remember Lawrence wrangling the calf with me in the back yard and jumping the fence. Always an awesome neighbor and will miss him greatly. Was so glad I was able to visit him before he passed.*

Karla Bean Mejia - June 01, 2015 at 08:37 PM

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“ *To the Family:
I have many fond memories of Lawrence from our high school years together.
He continued to be active in planning class reunions and was faithful in attending every one of them. He could always keep an audience spellbound with his vast wealth of stories from the past.
He will be greatly missed.missed!
Bob Ward*

Bob Ward - June 01, 2015 at 11:16 AM



“ *Blooming Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Mr. Lawrence Edward Safley.*



May 31, 2015 at 02:38 PM



“ *Lawrence was a member of the JF Hurley YMCA and I had the pleasure to have him in my water aerobics class. He always had a story to tell and raised your spirits with his easy smile and laugh. We will miss him.*

Joanne French - May 31, 2015 at 11:03 AM



“ *During the time I was pastor at Woodleaf UMC, I was privileged to be in a golfing fellowship group with Lawrence, Tony, Wayne, Greg, Bill Dunn and others. Our nickname for Lawrence was "Arnie," because he was a pretty good golfer and could hit the ball a long way. Lawrence was a fun guy and joy to be around. Lawrence so inspired me with a story of how to step off a moving train, that I used it in a sermon.*

Thank you Lawrence for being my friend. Bill Draughn, Mooresville, NC

Bill Draughn - May 30, 2015 at 09:17 PM