



Mark Braswell Perry

February 28, 1940 - June 16, 2024

Mark Braswell Perry, 84, of Salisbury, passed away peacefully Sunday, June 16, 2024 at his residence.

Born February 28, 1940 in Durham, NC, he was the son of the late Emily Braswell Perry and William Decatur Perry.

He was a 1958 graduate of Woodberry Forest School, graduated from UNC Chapel Hill with a Bachelor of Arts Degree in 1962 and from Wake Forest School of Law with a Juris Doctor in 1967. Prior to moving to North Carolina and meeting Barbara he practiced law in Virginia. He volunteered on the City of Salisbury Planning Board and served as the executive director for the Historic Salisbury Foundation. Mr. Perry worked and later retired as a trust officer for Suntrust Bank (later Truist) in Salisbury. Throughout his life he was deeply committed to historic preservation, the advancement and advocacy of children with disabilities, and was instrumental in founding the Faithful Friends Animal Sanctuary.

Left to cherish his memory are his wife, Barbara Yelton Perry; children, Elizabeth Perry Bullock (William Bullock), Cynthia Perry Borjes, Mark Braswell Perry, Jr.; and grandchildren, Emily Bullock, Selden Bullock and Kate Borjes; brother, Clifford Braswell Perry (Peggy); and numerous nieces and nephews. A memorial service will be conducted Friday, June 21, 2024 at 11am at St. Luke's Episcopal Church. Visitation will follow the in the Parrish Hall.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Historic Salisbury Foundation, 215 Depot St., Salisbury, NC 28144 and The ARC Rowan County, 1918 W.

Innes St., Salisbury, NC 28144.

Summersett Funeral home is serving the Perry family. Online condolences may be made at www.summersettfuneralhome.com.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

JUN 21. 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Luke's Episcopal Church
131 West Council Street
Salisbury, NC 28144

Tribute Wall

BG

“ *Barbara and family,*

I have been traveling and was deeply saddened to read the news about Mark's passing. Our family will always be grateful for all of the love, care, and support that he provided to my Uncle Ralph and Aunt Eloise, especially during the times when their health was declining. Mark was the epitome of a great friend - loyal, dedicated, reliable and always there when you needed help. His positive contributions to the community will always be remembered - what a great American! RIP soldier! Well done! Our thoughts and prayers are with you and the entire family.

Bruce Greenland, Woodbridge, VA

Bruce Greenland - June 24, 2024 at 08:42 PM

JM

“ *I echo Laura Franklin's sentiments. Laura and I worked at Historic Salisbury Foundation when Mark was the Executive Director. You know the real person when you work under their leadership. He was a kind and caring person who was passionate about historic preservation. It was a pleasure working with "the boss". Steve and I send our sympathy to Barbara and the family. Janie and Steve Matthews, Morganton, NC.*

Janie Matthews - June 22, 2024 at 03:03 PM

LF

“ Mark was the nicest man ever! And the best boss I ever had! I always joked he was too nice to be a lawyer I’m positive he’s one of the main, if not THE main, reason HSF approved Dave and my request to do "sweat equity" on the house we restored at 309 E. Bank St in 1991. We were young and broke but had talent and dreams that Mark recognized. He treated everyone with respect, friendliness and always had a smile for others. I’ve thought about him and his family on and off throughout the years and want the family to know how sadden Dave and I were to learn today of his passing. Cherish the memories of Mark and know that everyone who knew him had a better life because of it.

Laura Franklin - June 21, 2024 at 03:43 PM

BB

I loved reading your message, thank you. He was also the best father I could ever have hope for. I deeply miss him, but it is comforting to read messages like yours and know that others could also see what an incredibly kind, loving and generous person he was.

Beth Bullock - January 15, 2025 at 12:23 PM

KP

“ We are very sorry to learn about the passing of Mark. He was truly a devoted person to Historic Salisbury and to so many other organizations in Salisbury. We always enjoyed being around Mark as he was a kind, thoughtful and dedicated person. We will hold the entire family in our thoughts and prayers.

*Kathy and David Pulliam
Salisbury NC*

Kathy Pulliam - June 20, 2024 at 02:55 PM

CS

“ *Mark was my roommate at Woodberry Forest for 3 years and a groomsman at my wedding exactly 60 years ago on June 21 in Lexington. I have a host of great memories with him at WFS , visiting with his family at Chapel Hill and at their beach home on the outer banks, and at Carolina . He had a great sense of humor and it was always fun to be with him often in the company of Cliff.*
Charlie Scott

charles scott - June 20, 2024 at 08:54 AM