



Melvin Luther Barnhardt

November 2, 1917 - November 22, 2009

Melvin Luther Barnhardt 92 of Salisbury died Sunday, November 22, 2009 at the Lutheran Home at Trinity Oaks.

Born November 2, 1917 in Charlotte, he was the son of the late Manlus Crawford Barnhardt, Sr. and Grace Krimminger Barnhardt. He had been a resident of Salisbury since 1919.

Mr. Barnhardt was a graduate of Boyden High School and Catawba College with a BA degree in business.

After a brief employment with Southern Railway, he was with the 717th Railroad Battalion in England, taking supplies to other troops in Germany, Austria and Switzerland. After his service time, he was associated with this father at Salisbury Marble and Granite Company. He was Vice President and co-owner of the company.

He loved traveling, having been in all 50 states and 36 foreign countries taking his wife to all the places he had been in the service.

He was an active member of the First United Church of Christ until his health failed, being a former Elder and Deacon of the Church.

He is survived by his wife of fifty years, Frances Rufty Barnhardt, two sisters, Ms Mabel Barnhardt and Doris Barnhardt Webb both of Salisbury and a number of nieces and nephews.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his brothers and sisters, M. C. Barnhardt, Jr., C. Lamont Barnhardt, Marie B. Russell, Margaret B. Reavis and Sara B. Clement.

Funeral services will be conducted 11:00 AM – Wednesday at the First United Church of Christ with the Rev. Michael Childress, officiating. Entombment will follow in the family mausoleum at Chestnut Hill Cemetery.

The family will receive friends at the First United Church of Christ from 10-11:00 AM Wednesday. The family will be at the residence at other times.

Memorials may be made to the First United Church of Christ, 207 W. Horah St., Salisbury, NC 28144