

Melvin Ira Shumate

June 26, 1938 - April 22, 2023

Melvin Ira Shumate 84, went to be with the Lord on Saturday, April 22, 2023 at Glenn A. Kiser Hospice House surrounded by his loving family.

The son of the late Ora and Ira Shumate, Mel was born in Algoma, W.Va. on June 26, 1938. He was educated in the W.Va. school system. He graduated from Concord University in Athens, W.Va. where he played for the University's basketball team.

He was married to Jane Brown Shumate on September 2, 1960. They were happily married for over 60 years. He was a devoted husband, father, grandfather and great-grandfather. He always placed the needs of his family first. He enjoyed organizing family Christmas gatherings and taking his daughters and grandchildren water skiing on the lake. He was good at sharing stories and anecdotes for life's tough situations with his daughters and grandchildren.

After graduation he worked for Goodyear Tire & Rubber Company where he advanced to mid-management. He started his own successful tire company after leaving Goodyear in 1970. In 2003 he sold his company and retired.

After retirement he and Jane traveled across the United States and abroad. Mel became an avid golfer after retirement and enjoyed playing with friends and family.

Mel was an active and loyal member of the First United Methodist Church. He served on several committees and taught the Christian Forum Sunday School Class.

He is preceded in death by his wife Jane Brown Shumate; brothers Elbert, Estel, Ray, Coy, William and Robert Shumate; sisters Myrtle Quesenberry and Marie Alley Harris. He is survived by his three daughters Belinda Musso and husband Alan of Chapel Hill, NC; Lisa Vaughn and husband Russell of Dunedin, FL; Susan Brooks and husband Werner of Hendersonville, NC; eight grandchildren Marissa VanHeest (Taylor) of Apex, NC; Melanie Musso (Matt Turner) of Chapel Hill, NC; Jennifer Musso (John Allen) of Durham, NC; Joseph Musso of Washington, D.C.; Erin Lynch (Dennis) of San Carlos, CA; Zachary Brooks of Hendersonville, NC; Air Force Second Lieutenant Nicholas Brooks of Warner Robbins, GA; Abigail Brooks of Hendersonville, NC; 3 great grandchildren Otto, Ethan and Lucas VanHeest

A service celebrating his life will be held at the First United Methodist Church on Sunday, April 30, 2023 at 2pm with Rev. Dr. Mark Conforti officiating. The family will receive friends in the church fellowship hall following the service.

A private inurnment will be held prior to the church service at the First United Methodist Church Columbarium.

The family suggests that memorials be made to the First United Methodist Church, 217 South Church Street, Salisbury, NC 28144

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

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

APR **30**. 2:00 PM (ET)

First United Methodist Church
217 S. Church St.
Salisbury, NC 28144

Visitation Following Service

APR **30** (ET)

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Tribute Wall

BB

“ R.I.P. Mel 🙏. Condolences to the Shumate Family at this difficult time. I Remember the Goodyear work period.....many years ago.Mel was Store Mgr at the time in Chillicothe OHIO. Such good memories! Bill Brophey, now Cornelius NC

Bill Brophey - May 11, 2023 at 06:39 AM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Melvin Ira Shumate.



April 28, 2023 at 01:43 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Melvin Ira Shumate.



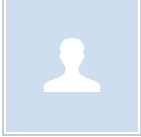
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“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Melvin Ira Shumate.



April 26, 2023 at 08:29 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Melvin Ira Shumate.*



April 26, 2023 at 08:04 PM



“ *Blue Caribbean Bouquet was purchased for the family of Melvin Ira Shumate.*



April 26, 2023 at 06:31 PM



“ *I have only knew Mel Shumate a short few years. He was a very smart person with lots of wisdom. Who loved his family and the Lord. I will miss him very much. And all his stories about his childhood and family. Prayers for all.*
Jennie Safrit

Jennie Safrit - April 25, 2023 at 08:24 PM



“ *Martha and I are saddened to hear of Melvin's passing. He was a great school friend. Enjoyed playing football and basketball with him. Blessings to the family.* 🙏🙏🙏

Jack Willis - April 25, 2023 at 04:49 PM

YD

“ We were saddened to hear about Mel. He was a wonderful man. Our thoughts are with his family.

Yang Family Dentistry

Yang Family Dentistry - April 25, 2023 at 10:05 AM

DJ

“ My heart goes out to all of the family of my **WONDERFUL UNCLE MELVIN!!!** Although we never seen each other I always remember when he came to see my mom **MYRTLE**. My mom always loved seeing or hearing from him. She was so proud of the man he had become. I am **DEBBIE**, **MYRTLE**,S daughter. Some day we see all our **FAMILY IN HEAVEN. MAY GOD BE WITH Y'ALL THROUGH THIS TIME!!!**

Debbie Johnson - April 24, 2023 at 07:16 PM