



Dr. Nelson Darrow Large

September 14, 1919 - February 27, 2017

Nelson Darrow Large, DDS, of Salisbury, North Carolina, passed away Monday, February 27, 2017, at the Lutheran Home at Trinity Oaks. He was 97.

Born September 14, 1919, in Rocky Mount, North Carolina, as the second of five children to the late H. Lee Large, M.D., Sr., and Nellie Brockwell Large, he was a graduate of Rocky Mount schools, the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, and the Medical College of Virginia. He served in the U.S. Navy during WWII. He was then loaned by the Navy to the U.S. Army where he served during the post war years in Japan. He completed 20 years of service in the Naval Reserve and retired with the rank of Captain. He was recognized for specialty in the field of oral pathology, for which he received training at the Walter Reed Army Hospital. He retired from the position of Chief of Dental Service at the VA Hospital in Salisbury after 44 years of government service.

Dr. Large was a longtime member of St. Luke's Episcopal Church, where he served in many capacities including the vestry, as lay reader, and as member of the choir. He was an active member of the Salisbury/Rowan community, most notably in the Civitan Club, the Amateur Radio Club (he carried an active amateur radio license from the time he was a teenager (call letters: W4FQV)), and the Piedmont Players. Before his retirement, Dr. Large enjoyed teaching Dental Hygiene and Dental Assistant students at Rowan-Cabarrus Community

College.

Preceding him in death was his wife, Sally Ann Graham Large on April 17, 1999, and all of his siblings. He is survived by his son, Wendell Graham Large of Portland, Maine, his wife, Soozie, and their daughter, Nellie; his daughter, Leslie-Ann Stevens of Manassas, Virginia, and her husband, Mark, and their daughters Mary Beth and Kristin; his cousin, Bruce Large, of Johnson City, TN; and many nieces and nephews.

A memorial service will be held at St. Luke's Episcopal Church in Salisbury on Saturday, March 11, 2017 at 2:00 p.m.

Donations are not necessary, but may be made to the St. Luke's Episcopal Church, 131 W. Council St., Salisbury, NC 28144.

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

Previous Events

Memorial Service

MAR 11. 2:00 PM (ET)

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

Tribute Wall

KB

“ I met Dr. Large a few years ago when his dear daughter Leslie Ann Stevens brought him to church. He was a delight and I could see how much Leslie Ann loved her father. The Lord Jesus is with his people in death and yet together with Christ is the joy of the resurrection of his saints. Praying for the Great Comforter to abide with the whole family.

Kent Butterfield - 1st Reformed Presbyterian Church of Durham

Kent Butterfield - March 10, 2017 at 10:43 AM

CM

“ Carol L Manz purchased the Fairest of All for the family of Dr. Nelson Darrow Large.



Carol L Manz - March 09, 2017 at 08:06 AM

KT

“ Such a dear man. He will be greatly missed in the St. Luke's family.

Kathleen Tronsor - March 08, 2017 at 09:47 AM



“ Dear Leslie-Ann, Our thoughts & prayers go out to your whole family. 🙏 We loved hearing the stories you shared with us, he is greatly loved & will be missed. Sending you all big {{{HuUGS}}} ❤️

Marcia Thies - March 05, 2017 at 01:27 PM

RE

“ *Leslie-Ann and Mark, our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. If you need anything, please call. Rebecca and Jerome*

Rebecca - March 04, 2017 at 07:16 PM

CS

“ *I knew Dr. Large nearly my entire life. I met Leslie while we were both in sixth grade and I was at there house nearly every weekend until the family moved back to Salisbury. While I saw him less frequently once Leslie and I became adults, he and Sally would always give me the same warm welcome to their home as they had when I was a child. I knew Dr. Large (I never could call him Nelson even when he encouraged me to) as a kind, generous, and witty man who will no doubt be missed by everyone whose life he touched. While he will be mourned here, I take comfort in the fact that he and Sally are now reunited.*

Christina M. Stockton - March 04, 2017 at 01:06 PM

GT

“ *I never met Dr. Large personally, but Leslie Ann has shared some of his amazing life with me. I know he will be greatly missed. My sincere sympathy to the family. Find comfort in knowing you were a part of a well-lived life. When the Lord calls a loved one home, He leaves a gift of memories in exchange. Memories are a legacy of love. Hold on to your memories and let them guide you during this time of sadness. Praying for you and your family for strength and peace. May God's love make your grief bearable. God bless you. Love, Gerri*

Gerri Thurston - March 04, 2017 at 09:22 AM

DH

“ I met Dr. Large at the VA Hospital. I was doing an independent study in physical therapy. He took good care of me and helped me with my studies. I also dated Lucy at Catawba. I am very sad for the loss of such a nice man. Best wishes to all of the family at this time

Dewey Hitt - March 03, 2017 at 07:14 PM

CB

“ It's hard to be sad when someone who has lived 97 years passes away, especially when he has touched so many lives -- even mine, because he inspired one of my poems. My heart is with his family as they grieve, especially Leslie-Ann, Mark, Kristin & MB and her husband. Love to all of you. Cindy (and Curtis) Brookshire, Pine Level, NC

Cindy Brookshire - March 03, 2017 at 04:12 PM

PN

“ I met Dr. Large once, at the home of his daughter, Leslie-Ann Stevens. Through her, I learned much about her father's personality and life. Because of that, it was my observation that his daughter reflects all the best attributes of this father whom she loved so much, and for whom she spent so much time, energy, and resources through the final years of his life. The fifth commandment says that we are to honor our father and our mother. Dr. Large was worthy of that honor which his daughter willingly and faithfully bestowed on him, not only during these last three years, but all her days since she put her faith in the God whom her father believed. Dr. Large and I shared the same birthday, though not the same year, so I was often reminded of this good and kind man about the time of our birthday.

Paul Nasekos - March 03, 2017 at 10:53 AM



“ *My thoughts, prayers and condolences go out to the family...what an admirable man he was serving his country, community and family.*

Gary Blair - March 03, 2017 at 09:58 AM

AN

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with the family. He will be truly missed.*

Andy - March 03, 2017 at 09:30 AM

TC

“ *My deepest thoughts are unquestionably with my lifelong friend Lucy and her family at this time. I'll always remember the generosity of Lucy's parents following my car accident while attending Catawba. Her parents invited me into their home to recuperate once I was released from the hospital. Both Dr. Large and Lucy's mother were both very supportive and made me feel right at home. I'll always be grateful for their generosity.*

Tom Chaplin - March 03, 2017 at 08:17 AM

AF

“ *What a lovely and sweet man our "Franklin". It was our blessing to have him in our home many years ago. We enjoyed his warmth and kindness and are so very grateful for his lifetime of service to our nation. Truly a man who gave of himself to others. What a lovely example of our Lord. Praying for the family in this time of parting and trusting the Lord to bring comfort and grace.*

Alannand Faith Farley - March 03, 2017 at 07:54 AM

GK

“ I always appreciated Nelson's welcoming smile and cheery hello. I met him at St. Luke's soon after moving to Salisbury in 2003 and enjoyed talking to him there and at Civitan meetings. My prayers and thoughts are with his family.

Gene Krueger - March 02, 2017 at 02:35 PM

CP

“ My thoughts and prayers are with you, Wendell and your families.
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Cooki Perkins - March 02, 2017 at 12:53 PM