



## Ralph Frank Maeder

September 27, 2009

Ralph Frank Maeder, 87, (a veteran of World War 2) passed into the arms of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ on September 27, 2009. Mr. Maeder's calm acceptance and preparation for his passing were clear evidence to all family members at his side that Jesus was in complete control.

Mr. Maeder was preceded in death by his parents Hazel Patterson Maeder and Frank R. Maeder, aunt Viola Maeder and wife Faye Brown Maeder. Ralph and Faye Maeder were married for over 60 years until her death in 2003. Ralph retired from Wagoner Construction Company of Salisbury, NC where he was a superintendent and a project manager. He was a member of Green Street Methodist Church in Winston-Salem, NC.

He is survived by his daughter Sandra Maeder Gates, son-in-law Marshall Steven Gates; grandson Brian Andrew Gates and wife Wendy Luzier Gates, and great-grandchild Evan Gates; granddaughter Jennifer Anne Griffin, husband Mike Griffin and great-grandchildren Olivia and Meredith Griffin (all of Botetourt County Virginia); grandson Michael Gates and wife Erin Crizer Gates; sister Valerie Maeder Chandler and brother in law Robert L. Chandler Jr. of Lake Norman, N.C., formerly of Salisbury; sisters-in-law Zelma Bowles and Sarah Shuping of Clemmons, N.C.; Becky Shuping Blankenship and brother-in-law, Alan Blankenship, of Beaufort and Raleigh. Also surviving are numerous

nieces, nephews and friends.

A memorial service will be held on Sunday, October 4, 2009 at 2:30 p.m. at Summersett Funeral Home, 1315 West Innes Street in Salisbury. Prior to the memorial service, a family graveside service will be held at Rowan Memorial Park, Highway 601, and Salisbury. Pastor Ray Higgins, Jr. and Alan Blankenship will lead the memorial service.

In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society, in the name of Ralph Frank Maeder ( American Cancer Society, 2840 Electric Road Suite 106A, Roanoke, Va. 24018). Following the memorial service, family members will welcome an informal visitation at Summersett Funeral Home, Salisbury.

Summersett Funeral Home is serving the Maeder family. Online condolences may be made at [www.summersettfuneralhome.com](http://www.summersettfuneralhome.com)

# Tribute Wall



“ We will miss you Ralph. My earliest memory is of you talking to me when I was in a crib-over 60 years ago, and naming my stuffed elephant. You always called me that name after that. Forever Budgie##imported-begin##Robin Chandler##imported-end##

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October 03, 2009 at 01:40 PM



“ My sincere condolences to you and your family. I was a neighbor to your parents when they lived in Cleveland. Your parents were such nice people, always a friendly hello, wave and smile. I was happy for your dad when he moved to be with your family, that time together must be so precious. Sincerely, Sonja & Keith Wilson##imported-begin##Sonja Wilson##imported-end##

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October 03, 2009 at 05:29 AM



“ My sincerest condolences to your family. I enjoy reading Mr. Ralph obituaries he seen to be a fine person.Allow God's Word strength you by reading the promise in the bible.This is the only sure hope we have. This promise at Revelation 21:3,4 is going to happen.Please trust God words.May your memories of Mr. Ralph keep you joyful.##imported-begin##Sheila##imported-end##

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October 02, 2009 at 09:00 AM



“ Uncle Ralph was such a special person. I am so glad I was able to get to know him. I will never forget how much it meant to me that he was at our wedding two years ago. And I will always cherish the many wonderful holiday meals we all shared with him. My thoughts and prayers will be with everyone this weekend.##imported-begin##Bethany King##imported-end##

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October 02, 2009 at 08:45 AM



“ Sandy:  
I was fortunate to know Ralph literally from my earliest remembrances, as I began to go to jobs with Ken when I was little. Ralph personified professionalism, integrity and great character, as he pursued his career along side my family. My dad and Ken truly respected Ralph, and probably had that manly love borne of admiration for his skill and hard work ethic. I thought the world of your mom, as she always made me feel special, and that I was the only child in the room. They were both dear souls to me, and will always be in that warm spot in my memory.  
We regret we cannot be with you on Sunday afternoon, but will be there in spirit. Take care, and revel forever in heart-warming memories.  
Bill and Anna Mills Wagoner##imported-begin##Bill Wagoner##imported-end##

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October 02, 2009 at 08:25 AM



“ Sandy & family, our thoughts & prayers are with you. Now you have a new Guardian Angel to watch over you.##imported-begin##Susan##imported-end##

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October 01, 2009 at 03:07 PM



“ Uncle Ralph was the nicest guy I've ever known. Always there for you, yet never asking anything from you. Then one day he said he would like me to be his first responder in case of emergency. I've never been so proud to be of service. His instructions: "Just call Summersett's, and let them in". I will miss him daily.##imported-begin##Steve Chandler##imported-end##

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September 30, 2009 at 09:01 PM