



Mr. Richard "Dick" Eugene Wooten

January 15, 1925 - August 6, 2015

Richard Eugene "Dick" Wooten, 90, of Salisbury passed away Thursday, August 6, 2015 at the Glenn A. Kiser Hospice House.

Born January 15, 1925 in Hardin Co., IA, he was the son of the late Wesley and Mary McCormick Wooten.

He was educated in the Dobson schools and graduated from Dobson High School.

Mr. Wooten was a veteran of the US Navy during World War II serving on the LST 807 and the U.S.S. General R. M. Blatchford.

He was a NC State Highway Patrolman from 1948-1984 before retiring as a First Sergeant.

Mr. Wooten was a member of the First Baptist Church of Salisbury, a member of the Andrew Jackson Masonic Lodge #576 A.F. & A.M. where he was a Master Mason. Prior to that, he was a member of the Meadow Branch Masonic Lodge #578 in Wingate and Monroe #244. In 2006, Dick was awarded his 50 year Masonic pin and certificate. He received the Order of the Long Leaf Pine in 1978. Dick enjoyed, gardening, wood working, bowling, the Atlanta Braves baseball, old western movies, and golfing with the G.A.R.S.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his sisters, Ruth Maynard and Pauline Wooten; brothers, George, Howard, John, Paul, Bill and James Wooten.

Those left to cherish his memory are his wife of 65 years, Jean Helms Wooten; sons, Dick Donovan Wooten and wife Gayle Walters Wooten of Westfield, Steven Houston Wooten and wife Nan Bowman Wooten of Liberty; daughter, Angela Kaye Vincent and husband Tim of Eden; grandchildren, Maria Dee Wooten of Greensboro, Elizabeth Kaye Wooten of Liberty, Joshua Steven Wooten of Chapel Hill, Eric Jason Vincent and Erin Courtney Vincent of Eden; great-grandchildren, Ezekiel and Connor.

The family will receive friends from 6-7:30 PM Sunday (Aug. 9) at the Summersett Funeral Home.

Funeral services will be conducted 12 Noon – Monday (Aug. 10) at the First Baptist Church of Salisbury with the Rev. Dr. Kenneth Lance officiating. Mr. Wooten will lie in state for 30 minutes before the service. Interment will follow at the Salisbury VA National Cemetery with Military Graveside Rites conducted by the US Navy and the Rowan County Veterans Honor Guard.

Memorials may be made to the First Baptist Church, 223 N. Fulton Street, Salisbury, NC 28144

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

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 9. 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM (ET)

Summersett Funeral Home
1315 W. Innes St.
Salisbury, NC 28144
(704) 633-2111
<https://www.summersettfuneralhome.com>

Service

AUG 10. 12:00 PM (ET)

First Baptist Church Salisbury
223 N. Fulton St.
Salisbury, NC 28144

Tribute Wall

SP

“ *The family has my condolences for your loss.*

Shirley Rhoades Pinnix (daughter of Bertha McCormick Rhoades)



Shirley Rhoades Pinnix - August 12, 2015 at 07:50 AM

TM

“ *I have fond memories of my times with "Uncle Richard" at all the family gatherings over the years. He and his brothers were morally strong and very industrious, serving as a great example for me while growing up. Richard was that "big tall Uncle" that was a State Trooper and knew the "right way to do things". Richard as well as his brothers were the most cheerful guys and very supportive of other family members, especially their parents in their waning years.*

Richard had the greatest sense of humor and always sought to make everyone feel comfortable and welcome. Richard and his brothers were part of the "Greatest Generation," that generation that had to go to war right after high school and whose contributions led to decades of peace and unprecedented prosperity for this nation.

Richard, along with others of his generation, are now leaving us. I will always remember Richard for his outgoing and kind nature, and respect his contributions while serving in the Navy and the North Carolina Highway Patrol. Richard's passing is the bookend, as he is the last of his brothers to pass. But the memories will always be there for him and the others.

Ted Maynard - August 11, 2015 at 11:38 AM

KB

“ Ken Jr., Mark & Debbie, & John Bragg purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Mr. Richard "Dick" Eugene Wooten.



Ken Jr., Mark & Debbie, & John Bragg - August 10, 2015 at 09:12 AM

MF

“ Jean ---
You may not remember me, but I remember when you ran the beauty shop above the bank long ago in Waxhaw and would eat lunch every day at Aunt Annie's house. It was there that I met Dick when he came by in his patrol car one day to, I suppose, have lunch with you. It was in the summer and I was probably between the first and second grade. Dick was the first law-enforcement officer that I ever saw, and I was fascinated by him. I wanted a badge and gun of my own and eventually got them and served as a Deputy Sheriff of Union County for 35 years. So, I guess that Dick planted the seeds on that day at Aunt Annie's in the 1950's. Please know that you have my deepest sympathy and that my thoughts and prayers will be with you at tomorrow's service.

God bless & keep you,

Melvin Faris
Monroe, NC

Melvin Faris - August 09, 2015 at 07:44 PM

DW

Thank You Mr. Farris. I will make sure mom looks at these. She is appreciative of all the folks from Waxhaw who remember her and her family.

Dick Wooten - August 10, 2015 at 06:24 PM

TS

“ *Tabatha "Tabby" Smith daughter of Trooper Roger D Smith purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Mr. Richard "Dick" Eugene Wooten.*



Tabatha "Tabby" Smith daughter of Trooper Roger D Smith -
August 08, 2015 at 06:07 PM

NE

“ *Neurology purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Mr. Richard "Dick" Eugene Wooten.*



Neurology - August 08, 2015 at 04:39 PM

GC

“ *All of us at GARS will miss Mr. Wooten. He was a good friend and a wonderful gentleman. We salute him for his service in the military, especially during World War II, and his service in law enforcement. Mr. Wooten always had a special place in my heart, not only as a member of First Baptist Church, but he and my father both served on an LST during World War II.*

We know that he is now in the arms of the Lord. May your memories of him help to sustain you during this difficult time.

Gordon Correll for the GARS Organization

Gordon Correll - August 08, 2015 at 08:20 AM

DW

Thank you Mr. Correll. I know he really hated giving up golf, but dad's balance and leg strength just wouldn't allow it any more. He made a lot of friends in the GARS

Dick Wooten - August 10, 2015 at 06:26 PM

PS

“ Mr Wooten was a blessing to be around . Played golf with him several times and my Dad Joe Spry. He was always upbeat and thinking of others. Praying for each of you.

*Pastor Joey Spry
Romans 5:8 / John 14:1-3*

Pastor Joey Spry - August 07, 2015 at 11:26 PM

DW

Thank You for your kind words Pastor Spry. Dad would be pleased to know that folks thought that about him.

Dick Wooten - August 10, 2015 at 06:27 PM

JS

“ I,m sadden by the news of Sgt. Wooten,s passing Dick,Jean and family Dick was the first, Fst. Sgt. I had when I came to Rockingham co. in 1977. He for sure was one of the biggest men I had ever met, it was a pleasure to work for him he made the job a lot easier always had a smile and kind words I never saw him upset at anything. It,s men like him that help make this nation as well as the highway patrol it was in the good old days he always looked after his men. May GOD BLESS and wrap his big arms around you all in this sad time.

Jerry S Mathis Sr - August 07, 2015 at 02:48 PM

DW

Thank you Jerry. I know Dad enjoyed seeing you at the last D3 reunion lunch he attended. I don't think he was able to hear a lot of what was going on but he enjoyed the day.

Dick Wooten - August 10, 2015 at 06:30 PM

MS

“ I am saddened to hear the news of Sgt. Wooten's passing. He was a very special person to our family during and after the time my husband served on the patrol with him. Our youngest daughter, Tabatha, seemed to share a bond with him the moment they met. She made him a Christmas wreath out of white plastic bags when she was in first grade. I understand from Jean that they still have that wreath. My heart is with your family.

*Mary P. Smith
Madison, NC*

Mary P. Smith - August 07, 2015 at 02:36 PM

DW

Thank you for the nice comments Ms. Smith. Dad always thought an awful lot of Roger.

Dick Wooten - August 10, 2015 at 06:32 PM