



## Richard L. Tipton

March 2, 1939 - February 15, 2018

Mr. Richard L. Tipton, 78, of Salisbury passed away Thursday, February 15, 2018 at Glenn A. Kiser Hospice House in Salisbury.

Born March 2, 1939 in Mitchell County, Mr. Tipton was the son of the late Joyce Lee and Hattie Garland Tipton.

He was a graduate of Bowman High School, Bakersville, NC and retired from Brad Ragan/Goodyear Tire after 38 years of service, where he was the first salesman to achieve one million dollars in sales.

He was a charter member of Landmark Church where he was an usher, served on the board of deacons & was known for his grilled hot dogs and onions. He also proudly served his country in the US Army.

Richard was a loving husband, father, grandfather, brother and son. He enjoyed collecting vintage cars & tractors, gardening, NASCAR, traveling and spending time with his family. He possessed keen sense of humor and loved to laugh, which made him an incredible friend to many.

Mr. Tipton was predeceased by his sister, Clara Forbes.

Survivors include his wife, Sheila W. Tipton, whom he married June 9, 1963;

son, Greg Tipton (Traci), of Salisbury; granddaughter, Allison Tipton and grandson, Mitchell Tipton, his furry companion, Kooper.

Visitation & Service: The family will receive friends from 10-11:00 AM Tuesday (Feb. 20) at Landmark Church followed by the funeral service at 11:00 AM conducted by Pastor Mike Robinson. Burial will follow in Rowan Memorial Park with Military Graveside Rites will be conducted by the National Guard and the Rowan County Veterans Honor Guard.

Memorials: In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Landmark Church, 1910 Mooresville Rd, Salisbury, NC 28147 or to the Glenn A Kiser Hospice House, 1229 Statesville Blvd, Salisbury, NC 28144.

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

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB 20. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Landmark Church  
Salisbury, NC

## Service

FEB 20. 11:00 AM (ET)

Landmark Church  
Salisbury, NC

# Tribute Wall

AC

“ I was very saddened to hear of your family's loss. I have many fond memories of the time I spent with your family as a child and I know Richard's passing will leave a void for your family. May you find peace in the comfort that only the lord can provide.

Andy Curlee - February 19, 2018 at 07:12 AM

GT

It's good to hear from you! Thanks!

Greg Tipton - February 20, 2018 at 04:46 AM

AP

“ I was the Manager of BRI from 1972 to 1983. My first day, I told Richard I had 9 years in the tire business but did not know the OTR business. He said don't worry, you run the business. We will work and help you with the OTR business. I respected Richard Tipton for helping me and being the first million dollar & greatest OTR salesman in BRI plus a great honest & sincere person. Al Phillips

Al Phillips - February 18, 2018 at 08:10 PM

GT

Thanks for the kind words!

Greg Tipton - February 20, 2018 at 04:45 AM

LH

“ We are heartbroken for your loss . May God give you Peace & Love in the days ahead. Derby & Linda

Linda Holshouser - February 17, 2018 at 04:52 PM

GT

*Thanks for remembering us, Linda*

**Greg Tipton** - February 21, 2018 at 08:14 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Richard L. Tipton.*



February 17, 2018 at 11:54 AM

SG

“ *Sherri Goodman lit a candle in memory of Richard L. Tipton*



**Sherri Goodman** - February 17, 2018 at 10:44 AM

LS

“ *Sheila and family, My heart goes out to you all. Prayers for you as you go through these difficult times.*

**Laura Sandridge** - February 17, 2018 at 08:37 AM