



Robert K. Whitlock

February 19, 1929 - November 29, 2009

Mr. Robert Kenneth Whitlock, Sr. 80, of Salisbury, passed away Sunday, November 29, 2009 at Carolinas Medical Center – Northeast.

Born February 19, 1929 in Pickens County, SC, he was the son of the late William Harrison Whitlock, Jr., and Flora Aiken Whitlock.

Mr. Whitlock graduated from Canton High School, and received his associate degree from Gardner Webb College and BA degree from Wake Forest University. He received his Masters Degree in Elementary Education and School Administration from Appalachian State University, Boone, NC.

He was employed with the Charlotte-Mecklenburg School System, where he was a teacher for 4 years and then for 25 years he served as principal for Rama Road Elementary School, Statesville Road Elementary School, Merry Oaks Elementary School, and Villa Heights Elementary School, before retiring.

Mr. Whitlock was a veteran of the US Army, having served during the Korean War.

He was a member of the First Baptist Church of Salisbury, and the Rowan

Ramblers .

Mr. Whitlock also was a member of the National and local Blind Veterans Association and the National Federation of the Blind.

He is preceded in death by he wife, Betty Lou Hollifield Whitlock, who passed away on November 6, 1974; twin sons, Daryl and Caryl Whitlock on March 15, 1956; daughter, Sarah Susan Whitlock on July 29, 1960 and a brother, Troy Whitlock, in 1986.

Those left to cherish his memory: son, Robert Kenneth Whitlock, Jr. and wife Kathy Whitlock, of Concord, NC; daughter, Elizabeth Janelle Whitlock Farmer, and husband, Rev. Brian Farmer, of Salisbury; brother, B.W. Whitlock and wife, Martha, of Greensboro; sisters, Mary Jane Chambers, of Seneca, SC, Sue Ann Stines and husband, Dr. B.J. Stines, of Raleigh, Ellaree Elrod and husband, Dr. Randy Elrod, of Martinsburg, WV, Elizabeth Lindsay, of Lincolnton, and Iris Jean Campbell, of Gordonsville, VA; sister-in-law, Wanda Whitlock, of Pisgah Forest; and grandchildren, Mary Catherine Whitlock Bennett, Joshua Farmer, and Michelle Farmer.

The family will receive friends Tuesday from 6-8 PM at Summersett Funeral Home.

Funeral services will be held on Wednesday at 11:00 AM at First Baptist Church, with the Rev. Brian Farmer, officiating and Rev. Dr. Kenneth Lance assisting. Interment will be held at Forest Lawn Cemetery in Charlotte at 3:00 PM.

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

The family would like to thank his close friend and caregiver Charlie Royce for his years of service and friendship.

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

Tribute Wall



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December 13, 2009 at 02:33 PM



“ *Rob and Betsy, We regret that we could not come to the funeral because of the weather. It was windy and raining hard at the time we were to leave and decided it was best to stay home. Will miss Ken, he was always there when needed. Mom will miss talking to him weekly. She wanted to come, but was unable because of health reasons. Ken will be missed, we all loved him. Dink and Ruth##imported-begin##James and Ruth Evatt##imported-end##*

December 03, 2009 at 11:32 AM



“ *Betsy and Rob,*

So sorry to hear about the passing of your father. Uncle Ken has been the patriarch of our family since I can remember. I will cherish the fond memories of all of us growing up together. I am so sorry that Grandmother and I could not make the trip but we were there in spirit. We will continue to lift you up in our prayers. Love always, Cousin Mike##imported-begin##Mike Evatt##imported-end##

December 02, 2009 at 08:00 PM



“ *Betsy and Robbie,
I taught for your dad at Statesville Road Elementary in 1970-71. It was during those first confusing days of busing in Charlotte. But through it all, your dad kept things calm, showing compassion and genuine love for the children and his staff.
I have taught for many principals in my career, retiring in 1998, but I'll always remember Mr. Whitlock with respect. May God bless the two of you and your extended families.##imported-begin##Carolyn W. Tolley##imported-end##*

December 02, 2009 at 12:08 PM



“ *We wish to express our sincere sympathies to Rob, Betsy and the entire family and loved ones.*

We remember fondly all those years with your family at Hillcrest. We pray God's peace will bring comfort during this time of grieving.

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“ *I want to take a moment to say that Ken was a dear friend to all the Rowan Ramblers and The Rowan County Council of the blind. he had a very compassionate heart and will be missed greatly. Our thoughts and hearts are with Charlie and Ken's family during this time of grief.*

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November 30, 2009 at 10:05 PM