



Mr. Robert Harrison Waddell Sr.

April 14, 1937 - September 29, 2015

Mr. Robert Harrison “Harry” Waddell, Sr., 78, of Salisbury, NC passed away Tuesday, September 29, 2015 at Liberty Lane Hospice Center.

Born April 14, 1937 in Rowan County, NC to the late Robert Lee Waddell, Jr. and Lois Elrod Waddell, he was a graduate of China Grove High School Class of 1955. Mr. Waddell was awarded the Honor of Eagle Scout at First United Methodist Church in China Grove. In high school he played football and was voted Mr. Football in 1954 in Rowan County and was selected to play in the Black and Gold football game held at Boyden High School. He also played basketball. He then completed Salisbury Business School and attended Rowan Technical College.

Mr. Waddell entered the U.S. Air Force and completed 24 years of service retiring in 1982. He was assigned to SAC 6495 – B-52/HC135 Units. He left the military from TAC Command when he retired as TACT Air Command as Superintendent of Logistics Plans. He served two tours of duty in Southeast Asia in 1965-1966 and 1970-1971. Mr. Waddell earned numerous medals and decorations in the service to include 2 Meritorious Service Medals, 2 Air Force Commendation Medals, Vietnam Service Medal, and 3 Bronze Stars.

Mr. Waddell was a member of Milford Hills United Methodist Church where he served on the Administrative Board and as Head Usher for the 8:30 AM

service. He was active in the community through many organizations including, Andrew Jackson Masonic Lodge #576, Oasis Shrine Club, Oasis Tripster Unit in Charlotte, Rowan Shrine Club, Harold B. Jarret American Legion #342, past member of Salisbury Elk and Moose Club, West Rowan Booster Club, an assistant Scoutmaster, Little League baseball, football and basketball coach, and worked with Rowan/NC Delinquent juveniles.

Preceding him in death was a brother, Ralph D. Waddell.

Surviving is his wife Alice Cohen Waddell whom he married October 26, 1963, sons, Robert H. Waddell, Jr. and Michael T. Waddell and wife, Angela all of Salisbury, NC; 4 grandchildren: Jake, Joey, Hunter and Hannah; and brother, Larry W. Waddell of Georgia.

A memorial service will be held at 2 PM Friday (Oct 2) at Milford Hills United Methodist Church, conducted by Rev. Carol Williams-Gilbert. The family will receive friends following the service.

A graveside service will be held at 2 PM Tuesday (October 6) at the U.S. National Cemetery, Statesville Blvd location with military honors conducted by The Rowan County Veterans Honor Guard and Masonic Rites.

The family expresses a special thank you to the Liberty Lane Hospice House for their compassionate care.

Memorials may be made to The Wounded Warrior Project, P.O. Box 758517, Topeka, KS 66675 or to the Shriner's Children Hospital, 950 W. Faris Road, Greenville, SC 29604.

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

Previous Events

Service

OCT 2. 2:00 PM (ET)

Milford Hills United Methodist Church
Salisbury, NC

Graveside Service

OCT 6. 2:00 PM (ET)

Salisbury National Cemetery
501 Statesville Blvd.
Salisbury, NC 28144

Tribute Wall

DE

“ *Our thoughts and prayers are w/ the family.
Dora & Pete Elrod
Gilbert, SC 29054
803-657-5871*

Dora Elrod - October 02, 2015 at 08:40 AM

TC

“ *We always looked forward to celebrating the holidays with Uncle Harry and the rest of the family. It was later in life that i had a chance to also know him as my brother in the lodge. He was always good at reminding me to live by my obligations and principals. In these capacities he taught me a lot about integrity and honor. He truly represents what it means to be a Mason and a trusted leader. I will miss him.*

Tommy Cohen - September 30, 2015 at 02:46 PM

DM

Larry and family. I am sorry to hear of the death of your brother. May you all find peace. Dewey "Mutt" Miller, Poquoson, Va.

Dewey Miller - October 02, 2015 at 06:54 AM

PK

My deepest sympathies to Alice, sons and grandchildren. I remember Harry well from China Grove High as a kind and wonderful person. He has accomplished so many things in his life. I know that you have a lot of beautiful memories. May God give you peace and sustain you during this sad time.

*My thoughts and prayers are with you.
Patsy Eller Koon*

Patsy Eller Koon - October 02, 2015 at 05:07 PM