



Samuel Kenneth Owen

January 19, 1935 - July 12, 2019

Samuel Kenneth Owen, 84, of Salisbury, passed away Friday, July 12, 2019 at his residence.

Born January 19, 1935 in Rowan County he was a son of the late Charles Clifton Owen and Mary Baker Owen. He graduated from Boyden High School in 1952 and from Georgia Tech in 1956. He was an All-Star athlete at Boyden and Georgia Tech. He was owner/operator of Owen and Leonard Heating and Air and Owen Drug Company. After retirement he worked for Rowan County schools.

He was a member of First Baptist Church of Salisbury where he served as Deacon and taught Sunday School. He was a member of the Civitan Club; served two terms in the NC House of Representatives. He was inducted into the Rowan County Sports Hall of Fame and the Georgia Tech Hall of Fame. In addition to his parents he was preceded in death by a brother, Cliff Owen and a sister, Barbara Leonard.

Left to cherish his memory are his wife of 62 years, Barbara Schofield Owen whom he married June 30, 1957; daughters, Sharon Barnhardt of Cornelius, Karen Owen of Salisbury, Charlotte Sparks of Salisbury and a grandson, John "Jake" Barnhardt.

Service will be Thursday, July 18, 2019 at 6:00 PM at Summersett Memorial Chapel with Rev. Rod Kerr officiating. The family will receive friends following at Summersett Funeral Home.

Memorials may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St.

Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105-1905; Rowan Helping Ministries, PO Box 4026, Salisbury, NC 28145; and Glenn A Kiser Hospice House, 1229 Statesville Blvd., Salisbury, NC 28144.

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

Previous Events

Memorial Service

JUL 18. 6:00 PM (ET)

Summersett Memorial Chapel
1315 W. Innes St.
Salisbury, NC 28144

Visitation

JUL 18. 6:45 PM (ET)

Summersett Funeral Home
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Tribute Wall

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“ Dear Barbara and Family, I was so very sad to learn of Ken’s death. He was always such a special guy whose friendly smile lit up any room he entered. I of course knew of his renowned football achievements but nothing of his outstanding contributions as a citizen. What a wonderful man! It was great to see that he and his beautiful Barbara shared so many years together. I know I am joined in celebrating the life of our spectacular Boyden classmate, 1953. Ken made the world brighter and our lives happier. He will always be loved and remembered. Pat Davis, Bay St. Louis MS

Office - August 05, 2019 at 11:50 AM

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“ Charlotte, Sharon, and Karen. So sorry I cannot be there today to express my condolences and love for your family. As a young man, I loved the times I spent with your Dad and your Mom. I've carried Ken's insight and shared wisdom throughout my years. Grateful for that. God bless

Steven Spencer - July 18, 2019 at 04:36 PM

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“ Sharon and family,
Your father was always a gentleman and mentor. He taught our Sunday school class for a while at 2nd Presbyterian and he always treated us like adults. I am so sorry for your loss. Know that he touched many people in a positive way.

Ozzie - July 16, 2019 at 06:54 AM