



## Mr. Shirley Ray Paxton

March 11, 1935 - January 2, 2014

Mr. Shirley Ray Paxton, 78, of Salisbury passed away Thursday, January 02, 2014 at Novant Health Rowan Medical Center

Born March 11, 1935 in Salisbury, he was the son of the late Shell Ro Paxton and Maybelle Fink Paxton. He was educated in the Rowan County schools and was a veteran of the US Army.

Mr. Paxton was employed for Rowan Mills for 14 years and then Hoechst Celanese for 29 years before retiring in September 1994.

He was a member of Stallings Memorial Baptist Church.

In addition to his parents he was preceded in death by his brother, Paul Junior Paxton; sisters, Tessie Trexler and Myrtle Ruth Martin.

Those left to cherish his memory are his wife, Patricia Joe Harrison "Patsy" Paxton, whom he married January 17, 1957; sons, David Ray Paxton of Woodleaf, Paul Darren Paxton and wife Diane of Salisbury and Johnny Neal Paxton and significant other, Jean Alexander of Concord; grandchildren, Daniel Paxton, Jennifer Paxton; step-grandchildren, Ronnie Carroll and Ricky Carroll; great-grandchildren, Madison Paxton and Eric Howell.

The family will receive friends from 6-7:30 PM Friday at the Summersett Funeral Home.

Funeral service will be conducted 11:00 AM – Saturday (Jan. 4) at the Summersett Memorial Chapel with the Rev. Chris Williams, minister of Woodleaf Baptist Church officiating. Interment will follow at Rowan Memorial Park.

# Tribute Wall

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“ To the Paxton family,

*Years ago you and my parents were friends, Jim and Marie Craddock. They have both passed before us. I wish you comfort and strength in the loss of Ray. My parents moved back to FL in 1979 and lived there until their deaths, my mom in 1992, and my dad in 2002. May your memories help ease the pain of losing someone you loved.*

*Jo Ann Craddock Merriman*

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