



Mr. Shirley Wilson "Will" Sandridge

September 5, 1931 - January 25, 2017

Shirley Wilson (Will) Sandridge, 85, of Salisbury passed away Wednesday, January 25, 2017 at Liberty Lane VA Hospital, Salisbury, NC surrounded by his wife, Laura, and close friends.

Born September 5, 1931 in Rockingham County, Virginia, Will was the son of the late George Ira Sandridge and Vada Blosser Sandridge.

Will graduated from Anacostia High School, Washington, DC and attended James Madison University, Harrisonburg, VA.

A retired US Army Veteran Will served 23 and a half years with tours in Germany, Japan, Vietnam, Belgium, Maryland and Virginia. His military decorations include the Legion of Merit and The Republic of Vietnam Gallantry Cross. After closing his polygraph business in Florida, Will continued to serve his community working as a Special Education teacher with the Rowan-Salisbury School system. He was a life-long Mason, Shriner and a member of Civitan, supporting numerous charity events. Will was a member of Fulton Masonic Lodge #99, Rowan Shrine Club as well as Oasis Temple, Charlotte, NC and a member of Samuel C. Hart American Legion #14. He was recently awarded the Civitan Honor Key Award, of which he was very proud. He was also a member of the Carolina Chapter of Military Officers Association, and served as a member of the Board of Directors. Will was also past Sergeant of Arms and a member of the Board of Directors with the Salisbury Civitan Club. He enjoyed a number of "hobbies" such as camping, judging professional BBQ events and barber-shop singing. Will was a member of Neel Road

Baptist Church, Salisbury, NC.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his brothers, Millard Sandridge of Harrisonburg, VA, Norris Sandridge of Richmond, VA and his step-mother, Mary Ann Sandridge of Bridgewater, VA. Those left to cherish his memory are his wife, Laura Mobley Sandridge, whom he married June 15, 1996; two sons, Steve (Gretchen) Sandridge of Colorado Springs, CO; Kevin Sandridge of Winter Haven, FL; two grandchildren, Colleen Sandridge and Beryl Sandridge; a sister Mary Ellen Ramsey (Charles) of Waynesboro, VA. He is also survived by a special sister-in-law, Mary Anne Sandridge and two special aunts, Pauline Ludholtz and Lottie Ritchie, all of Harrisonburg, VA, as well as a number of nieces and nephews and the cherished Baker family. In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorial contributions be made to Shriners Hospital for Children, 950 West Faris Rd., Greenville, SC 29605 or to the Neel Road Baptist Church – Building Fund.

Funeral Services will be held on Tuesday, January 31, 2017 at 12:30 PM at Neel Road Baptist Church, 135 Neel Rd., Salisbury, NC with Rev. Tim McQueen and Pastor Wayne Wright officiating. The family will receive friends at the church from 11:00 AM – 12:30 PM.

The Salisbury Civitan Club will be seated together for the service.

The committal service will follow at 2:00 PM at the Salisbury Historic National Cemetery with full military honors and Masonic rites.

Online condolences may be left for the family at www.summersettfuneralhome.com.

The family would like to express their sincere appreciation and gratitude to Hospice and Palliative Care of Rowan County, Hospice of the W.G. Hefner Medical Center and Bayada Nursing for the wonderful care and love shown to Mr. Sandridge.

Summersett Funeral Home is honored to be serving the Sandridge family.

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 31. 11:00 AM - 12:30 PM (ET)

Neel Road Baptist Church
135 Neel Rd.
Salisbury, NC 28147

Service

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Tribute Wall

DP

“ *Laura, my deepest sympathies for you and your family. Will was a client, a Brother Mason, and a friend. We will all miss him.*

Dave Potts - January 30, 2017 at 03:48 PM

KG

“ *My sympathy to you Laura and your children and grandchildren. Will was always so patient and kind to my kids with special needs. They sensed that they had a special place in Will's heart. I will be praying for you and your family as you continue the journey. May you and your family feel God's presence as He walks with you through this time.*

Karen De Graaf - January 30, 2017 at 07:28 AM

CJ

“ *Thoughts and prayers with you during this time aunt Laura.....
Charlie Johnson*

Charlie Johnson - January 30, 2017 at 12:47 AM

DW

“ *He will be missed. Our thoughts are with you. Debbie and Wayne*

Deborah Wilson - January 27, 2017 at 04:52 PM

LH

“ *Will was always so kind and friendly & such a sense of humor... our deepest sympathy to the whole family.. Derby & Linda Holshouser*

Linda Holshouser - January 27, 2017 at 10:03 AM