



Mr. Stephen R Chandler

February 28, 1949 - March 4, 2014

Stephen Renick Chandler, 65, of Banner Elk and formerly of Salisbury died Tuesday, March 4, 2014 at Novant Health Forsyth Medical Center, Winston-Salem.

Born February 28, 1949 in Salisbury, he was the son of Valerie Maeder Chandler of Terrell and the late Robert L. "Bob" Chandler.

Steve was educated in the Salisbury school system, graduated from Boyden High School, Class of 1967 and attended Catawba College and Brevard College.

He was part-owner of Home Oil and Coal and Home Concrete before selling the company. He owned and operated Clemmons Produce & Mountain Crafts in Banner Elk.

Steve was a member of Banner Elk Christian Fellowship. He was involved in law enforcement and served with the Salisbury Police Department Reserves, the Rowan County Sheriff's Department Auxiliary for 30 years. He served as President of the Salisbury Rowan Merchants Association for 2 different terms, was a former member of the Spencer Moose Lodge and served in the Coast Guard Auxiliary

Steve joined the Boy Scouts as a child and remained active throughout his life, serving as Assistant Scout Master of Troup 448 and received the Silver Beaver Award. Steve was a Wood Badge Instructor and a Wood Badge Course Director. Every October for more than a decade he portrayed Professor Marvel at Autumn at Oz on Beech Mountain to the delight of thousands of children and adults.

Currently, Steve was serving as Chairman of the Banner Elk Tourism and Development Association and Treasurer of the Greater Banner Elk Heritage Foundation.

In addition to his father he was preceded in death by his brother, Robert L. "Robin" Chandler, III and a sister Linda Chandler.

Those left to cherish his memory are his wife, Rebecca Ruhlman Chandler whom he married March 20, 1970; sons, Brad Chandler of Banner Elk and Nick Chandler of Concord; granddaughter, Emma Chandler; sister, Susan Smith and husband Reis of Wilmington; sister-in-law, Gayle Chandler of Leesburg, FL; mother-in-law, Betty Ruhlman of Salisbury; brother-in-law, Robert Ruhlman and wife Jane of Salisbury and numerous nieces and nephews.

A funeral service will be conducted 11:00 AM – Saturday (Mar. 15) at the Chapel in the Pine Mausoleum at Rowan Memorial Park, 4125 Franklin Community Center Rd., Salisbury, NC 28144 with the Rev. Carl Clawson, minister of Banner Elk Christian Fellowship, officiating. The family will receive friends one hour prior to the service.

A Celebration of Life will be held immediately following the service at the Hotel Salisbury & Conference Center, 530 Jake Alexander Blvd South (Former Holiday Inn)

Memorials may be made to Banner Elk Christian Fellowship, 140 Woods Lane, Banner Elk, NC 27604 or Boy Scout Troop 448, c/o Coburn United Methodist Church, 901 S. Church St., Salisbury, NC 28144

Tribute Wall

PC

“ *Rebecca,*

we were so sorry to hear about steve. please know our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family during this difficult time.

pam and hodge coffield

pam coffield - April 20, 2014 at 05:59 PM

MI

“ *To the Stephen Chandler and family: I extend to you my deepest sympathy for your lost. May God grant you peace. classmate of 1967, Margaret C. Jones*

Margaret C. Ingram-Jones - March 13, 2014 at 04:06 PM

BD

“ *Rebecca,*

Cindy and I are so sorry to hear about Steve. Esso was a great friend. We had many, many wild and crazy times at Lake Norman and with the Tall Blues. I will always have the memories of those times. Even now when talking with folks about things we did in our youth I can recount numerous events that all of us shared! We will keep you in our prayers.

Bo Davis BHS '67 and Cindy Bonzo Davis BHS'66

Bo Davis/Cindy Bonzo Davis - March 12, 2014 at 10:37 AM

KT

“ *Rebecca, I am so sorry to hear about Steve. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. Kim Treece*



Kim Treece - March 10, 2014 at 03:28 PM

TW

“ *Worked for Steve back in the late 80's at Home Concrete and worked on his vehicles at Taylor Tire. Loved his old car with the straight 8. Great guy! He will be missed...*

Tracy Wagoner - March 09, 2014 at 07:53 AM

SB

“ *Sending my sympathy. A friend in the class of '67, Susan Sheneman Brooks*

Susan Brooks - March 08, 2014 at 11:31 AM

VM

“ *Vivian C Mulkey lit a candle in memory of Mr. Stephen R Chandler*



Vivian C Mulkey - March 08, 2014 at 08:57 AM

DH

“ *David And Charlotte Hall sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Stephen R Chandler*



David and Charlotte Hall - March 08, 2014 at 07:52 AM

SL

“ *Rebecca, so sorry to read of Steve's passing. I remember you two when you bought our home in Salisbury during our move to Greensboro. Our prayers are with you and your family. Steve was a really nice guy and will be missed.*

Susan Shuping Linn - March 07, 2014 at 06:46 PM

RC

“ *Rosa Chambers lit a candle in memory of Mr. Stephen R Chandler*



Rosa Chambers - March 07, 2014 at 06:37 PM

RC

“ *May the Family find strength in The Lord.*



Rosa Chambers - March 07, 2014 at 06:36 PM

DP

“ *David Post lit a candle in memory of Mr. Stephen R Chandler*



David Post - March 07, 2014 at 02:23 PM

JH

“ *My sympathy and prayers for the Chandler family.*
Jane Byrd Hartness
BHS Class of '67



Jane Hartness - March 07, 2014 at 11:41 AM

GC

“ *Rebecca and family you are in our thoughts and prayers.*

Gene & Sue Clary

Gene Clary - March 06, 2014 at 08:15 PM

KW

“ *I am so sorry to hear this news about Steve. My thoughts and prayers are with your family.*

Kristin Cowherd Woodyard - March 06, 2014 at 07:10 PM

DR

“ *DENNIS AND KAREN ROGERS lit a candle
in memory of Mr. Stephen R Chandler*



DENNIS AND KAREN ROGERS - March 06, 2014 at 03:55 PM

AD

“ *I am so sorry for your loss. My thoughts are with you and your
family-Angie Darcy*

angela darcy - March 06, 2014 at 03:21 PM