



## Sterling James Weaver

January 15, 1944 - March 27, 2026

Sterling James Weaver, 82 of Salisbury went home to Jesus on March 27, 2026 at the Glen A. Kiser House with his family.

He was born in Walnutport, Pennsylvania on January 15, 1944, and was the son of the late Carl and Mary Schafer Weaver of Lehighton, Pa. He was preceded in death by two brothers, Richard and Barry Weaver. Sterling attended Lehighton High School, and in 1984, moved his family to Salisbury, North Carolina.

Sterling worked as a Fork Lift Driver for several years at Bingham Lumber, American and Efird, and retired from the Rowan County School as a Custodian and Maintenance Director.

Sterling loved fishing and baseball. His favorite team was The New York Yankees, and he taught his grandkids and other children in the neighborhood how to play baseball. He would laugh over and over again at his favorite Laurel & Hardy and Three Stooges Movies. He loved his grandkids Luke and Caroline, and consistently took them to Dan Nicholas Park, Train Museum, hikes and fishing. They were his pride and joy.

Sterling was always smiling and he never met a stranger. He had a desire and passion to tell everyone about Jesus. He wrote over a dozen tracts, and sent thousands of tracts and Bibles all over the world. When Sterling met you, he handed you a Gospel Tract with a warm smile. We all said when he went to Heaven, he probably handed Saint Peter a Tract.

He loved to go to church, attend the daily Senior Lunches in Granite Quarry,

eat at Golden Corral, Mayflower Seafood, and Zaxbys.

Those left to cherish his memories are his wife of 62 years, Barbara Weaver whom he affectionately called "Barb," daughter Mary Jean Hobart (Clarence) and always called her "Mary Huckleberry," son Matthew Weaver -Salisbury's Famous and Favorite Pianist, His grandchildren Luke Hobart, Caroline and Brandon Washer. Sister Gloria Oravec (John) and his favorite dogs, Bear and Bo.

We want to thank Dr Ronnie Barrier and Rowan Family Physicians Staff for the wonderful care of our father throughout the last several years of his serious illness.

Visitation will be on Sunday, April 12 at Salisbury First Baptist Church at 2 PM with a Celebration of Life Service at 3 PM. Officiating will be Dr. Luke Lunceford Sr Pastor, Rev. Brian Farmer, and Rev Dwane Newton of Salisbury Bible Community Church. Internment of Ashes will be a private event at a later date.

Matthew Weaver, The Gospel Voices Quartet, Dwane & Gwen Newton, John Brincefield will be singing, and there will be a congregational Hymn sing. Sterling loved his Southern Gospel and Mountain Music, and this will be a service celebrating his Homegoing with singing the songs he loved. So please come and be prepared to sing, and Praise the Lord that he is home!

In lieu of flowers, Memorials can be made to Rowan Helping Ministries, Samaritans Purse and Pilgrim Tract Society.

Summerset Funeral Home is serving the Weaver family.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

APR 12. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

First Baptist Church Salisbury  
223 N. Fulton St.  
Salisbury, NC 28144

## Celebration of Life

APR 12. 3:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

JP

“ *The thing that stands out most in my memories from over 40 years ago is that he was such a friendly and kind man. I can't see him without a smile on his face.*

*My most sincere condolences to the family. May the best of memories bring solace in the quiet hours and smiles when the heart needs them most.*

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**Joe Phillips** - April 20 at 12:05 PM

DE

“ *Matthew, we are very sorry for your loss. We know your faith in God will give you the grace you need. May God bless you and your family. We are very proud of you.*

*Olivia and Darrell Elium*

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**Darrell Elium** - April 11 at 07:27 AM

TF

“ *The Washer Family purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Sterling James Weaver.*



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**The Washer Family** - April 09 at 11:15 AM

JS

“ *I am so sorry to learn of your loss. I Pray that God's Blessings will Be with you. May God Bless and comfort you and Family during these difficult times. Jim Sifford.*

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**Jim Sifford** - April 07 at 09:50 AM

DS

“ Sterling had lunch with the East Rowan Lunch Club many times in the two years I've been there. He would pass out tracts with that sweet smile. Then, Barbara started coming for lunch and that's how I met the family. The lunch club will miss him, but I just know in my heart Sterling is with Jesus and the angels in his forever Home.

Love y'all,  
Donna

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**Donna Scott** - April 04 at 07:52 AM

PW

“ We were at the beach when we got the news. So sorry for your loss. Sterling was a fine man and a good neighbor to Doug when he lived next door. You are all in our prayers. God bless you all. Bobby and Pat Watson

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**Pat Watson** - March 31 at 02:13 PM

MK

“ Sad to hear that Sterling has left our world, but how glorious that he is now with his Heavenly Father. What a wonderful son, husband, father, and friend to so many. My brother, Ted, who passed in June of 2023, was blessed to have Sterling as a best friend. He helped my brother transition to his new life, and now it's comforting to know that they are together again in heaven. My deepest sympathy goes out to Barbara, Matt, and Mary Jean. I'm so thankful that I got to know the whole family while we were living in NC. The circle of life continues. Bless you all.....Lv, Mery

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**Mery G Krause** - March 31 at 10:31 AM



“ Our family loved your dad so much. He was a precious soul who never once treated any of my "horrible" children with nothing but love and respect. They all speak so highly of him and have been sharing their own personal memories since hearing of his passing. One son said he was a walking Billboard for Jesus. We will miss him greatly but will look forward to seeing him again in heaven. We are praying for your family.

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**Maresa Davis** - March 30 at 07:34 PM

DS

*Sterling enjoyed coming to Shiloh for lunch in Granite Quarry when he could. That's where I met the family. I visited him in the hospital last week. We sang "Amazing Grace" to him and he had the sweetest smile on his face! Then a few days later he went to his forever home. The lunch club will surely miss you!*

*Donna*

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**Donna S.** - March 31 at 10:26 AM

SH

“ Barbara, Matthew, Mary Jean, Gloria and families.....We are so sorry for your loss....Sterling always lit up a room when he entered....He always had a smile and told you about Jesus ! ...I'll always remember him chiming in with the Gospel Voices !! I'm so glad I taped it !! ..I called him the next day and asked him if he was taking bookings!!! ..We laughed together !!! ...I will miss him but just knowing he is with Jesus is comforting...💔🙏❤️

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**Sandra Huseman** - March 30 at 06:29 PM

SC

“ Thoughts are with you Barbara and family his memories will be with you all forever in your hearts sorry for your Loss

Sharlene Conarty (Peggy Schafer - daughter)



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**sharlene conarty** - March 30 at 06:04 PM

GH

“ Gina H. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Sterling James Weaver.

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**Gina H.** - March 30 at 03:21 PM