



Ted Williams Luther

May 27, 1938 - December 2, 2013

Ted Williams Luther, 75, of Mt. Ulla, passed away Monday, December 2, 2013 at Presbyterian Hospital, Charlotte.

Born May 27, 1938 in Candler, NC, he was the son of the late Thomas Crowell Luther and Ora Ann Williams Luther.

He graduated from the first graduating class of Enka High School, Enka, NC, where he played football and made the first team touchdown. Mr. Luther also graduated from NC State University with a BS degree in Animal Science.

After graduating from NC State, he went to work for Biltmore Dairy. In 1963 he went to work for the NC Department of Agriculture to supervise dairy research. In 1965 he purchased the farm with his brother Ben. They have operated the farm for 48 years and they were Jersey Cattlemen for 30 years. They started with 20 cows and had as many as 160. They later bred replacement Jersey cows for shipment around the US and abroad. He was a large influence on his grandchildren who shared his love of Jersey cattle.

He was a member of Thyatira Presbyterian Church where he was a former Deacon and served as a Chairman on the Trustee Committee. Mr. Luther was a member of the NC Jersey Breeders and served as President for 10 years, served on the National All Jersey Board of Directors that was part of the

American Jersey Cattle Association from 1980-1997 and served as President for 2 years. In 2006 he received the National Distinguished Service Award from the American Jersey Cattle Association. He also received the Distinguished Service Award for the NC Jersey Breeders. He served on the DHIA Board of Directors, the Advisory Board of Southern States Cooperative, past Board of Director of the Federal Land Bank, now Carolina Farm Credit and served as Chairman of the West Rowan High School Advisory Council. Mr. Luther enjoyed playing golf and organizing tournaments for his family and friends.

In addition to his parents, he is preceded in death by his sister, Thora Dell McDevitt.

Those left to cherish his memory are his wife of 53 years, Dorothy Wilson "Dot" Luther, whom he married September 4, 1960; daughter, Leigh Anne Wetmore and husband Mark of Mt. Ulla; son Richard Kyle Luther and wife Robin of Mt. Ulla; brother, Ben Luther and wife Margaret of Mt. Ulla; grandchildren, Daniel Phillip Wetmore of Appalachian State University, Boone, Steven Ted Wetmore of NC State University, Raleigh, Lauren Vail Luther of East Carolina University, Greenville and Jonathan Kyle Luther of Mt. Ulla; 2 nieces and 4 nephews and numerous cousins.

Funeral services will be conducted 11 AM Thursday (Dec. 5) at Thyatira Presbyterian Church with the Rev. Dr. J. William Lindeman, interim minister, officiating. Interment will follow at Thyatira Presbyterian Church Cemetery.

The family will receive friends in the Church Fellowship Hall following the services.

Memorials may be made to Thyatira Presbyterian Church, 220 White Rd., Salisbury, NC 28147 or the NC Dairy Youth Foundation, PO Box 7621,

Department of Animal Science, NC State University, Raleigh, NC 27695-7621

Tribute Wall

ML

“ *In such a time of sorrow, may happy memories be a light in the darkness. Sending my deepest condolences and blessings for hope and healing to my 6th grade teacher, Mrs. Dot Luther, and her family.*

*Love,
Melissa Feimster Lido*

Melissa Feimster Lido - December 07, 2013 at 10:46 AM

LD

“ *TO THE FAMILY OF TED LUTHER, MY ROOM MATE AT NC STATE COLLEGE
MY DEEPEST SYMPATHY FOR TED,S PASSING. LARRY DAVIS
& WIFE EDDIE.*

LARRY DAVIS - December 07, 2013 at 09:05 AM

CR

“ *Our love and prayers are with you all during this difficult time. Mr. Luther was a Great Role Model for his family and his community! His smile and caring nature were contagious! You all are very blessed to have such a wonderful family! May God give you peace in the days ahead. So sorry our family could not be there for you all yesterday .*

*Love ,
Hayes, Cindy and Zack Russell
Bryce and Nikki Russell
Kyle and Katie Yacevich*

Cindy Russell - December 06, 2013 at 06:49 AM

MS

“ *To the Luther family my deepest sympathies at the passing of Mr. Ted. I remember him well as well as Ms. Dot teaching at Mt. Ulla Elementary. There are many memories of him and my dad and others in the community working, golfing, and helping the entire community together. He was a man of the finest sort. Godspeed to you all.*

Mike Smith - December 05, 2013 at 05:10 PM

EC

“ *EDWIN L. CROTTY purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Ted Williams Luther.*



EDWIN L. CROTTY - December 04, 2013 at 05:27 PM



“ *My deepest sympathies go out to Ted's family at this sad time. Teddy and I have known each other since our senior year in high school We played football together at that first year at Enka. He started at full-back, Larry Davis-tight-end, and others whom I could mention helped make the year so special for us. I am sorry that I can not be at his service, but I wish to let you know that I thought very highly of him.*

*Sincerely,
Scott E. Conner
Asheville, NC*

Sharon Conner - December 04, 2013 at 04:55 PM

KP

“ So sorry to hear of Ted's passing. I remember him well at Enka High School when I was a lowly freshman and he a big football star. Everyone admired and respected him and all of us will remember what a fine person he was. Thoughts and prayers are with his family.

Kathy Sanford Petrucelli, Salisbury, NC

Kathy Petrucelli - December 04, 2013 at 01:19 PM

JL

“ Our condolences go out to Dot and Ted's family. I went to school with Ted from the first grade to graduation at Enka High School. He was always a happy person and a friend to everyone. We had some great times on the football field and other school functions. We will miss him.

Jerry and Betty Jean Lance

Jerry Lance - December 04, 2013 at 08:27 AM

BC

“ So sorry to hear of the passing of Ted, We were cousins. My lov goes out to the family

Betty Lou Crowell Crowder

Betty Lou Crowell Crowder - December 04, 2013 at 06:54 AM

ES

“ *Emogene Shook Sherlin lit a candle in memory of Ted Williams Luther*



Emogene Shook Sherlin - December 04, 2013 at 06:28 AM

DM

“ *We both remember with great fondness our friend Teddy. He was as close to a brother as Dan had from first grade through senior year of high school. Football games, basketball trips, the Beacon, snow sledding at his family home, and visits with his parents "Aunt Ora and Uncle Tom" are wonderful memories. Even as a boy, Ted was always a gentleman and a leader. Dan Morgan and Katha Reagan Morgan*

Dan and Katha Morgan - December 03, 2013 at 07:58 PM

JC

“ *John Crouse lit a candle in memory of Ted Williams Luther*



John Crouse - December 03, 2013 at 07:47 PM

RB

“ *Mrs Luther, Leigh Ann, Richard and family. I am saddened to learn of the loss of Mr. Luther. He was such a fine gentleman. I have fond memories of time spent at the mountain home while at clogging competitions. All of you are in my thoughts and prayers.*

Renae Talley Brown

Renae Brown - December 03, 2013 at 05:25 PM