



## Theodore "Ted" Roosevelt Burleson Jr

March 20, 1934 - May 9, 2024

Theodore Roosevelt "Ted" Burleson, Jr., 90, of Salisbury, passed away May 9, 2024 at Novant Health Glenn A. Kiser Hospice House.

Born March 20, 1934 in Crossnore, NC, he was the son of the late T. R. Burleson and Gwendolyn McKinney Burleson. He was a 1952 graduate of Harris High School (now Mitchell High) where he played "Iron-Man" football. He was first employed with Dairy Herd Improvement Association (DHIA), then with North Carolina Department of Agriculture (NCDA) as a supervisor of the poultry unit for over thirty years. After retiring from the NCDA, his personal poultry farm continued to operate for many years and he later worked as a security guard at Freightliner.

Ted served as Deacon and Sunday School teacher, and most recently was a member of Calvary Baptist Church. A jokester, he enjoyed hunting, fishing, beekeeping, and family tree research. His favorite place to fish was the Linville River. He was a Sudoku enthusiast, and he loved to play the game Sequence. He was always looking to create or use environmental efficiency products.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his wife of 59 years, Louise Mace Burleson, February 5, 2015; sisters, Mable Lee Haga, Mary Lou Napoli, Jennie Cornett; and brother, Russell Burleson.

Left to cherish his memory are daughters, Terri L. Burleson, Mitzi B. Hellmann (Richard); son Ed Burleson (Pam); grandchildren, Kara Melchiore (Brandon), Laura Craig (Bryce), Seth Burleson (Cydney), Mitchell Burleson; great-

grandchildren, Emmelia, Adelaide, Mary Lily; sisters, Carolyn Burnette, Julia Ellis, Angie Duncan; brothers, Bob Burleson, Fred Burleson; and many nieces and nephews.

The family will receive friends 5-7 p.m. Monday (May 13) at Summersett Funeral Home, 1315 West Innes Street, Salisbury, NC.

A second visitation will be held 2-3 p.m. Tuesday (May 14) at Webb Funeral Home, 1128 Roan Rd, Spruce Pine, NC. The funeral service will follow at 3 p.m. in the funeral home chapel with Rev. Scott Faw officiating. Burial will follow at the Spruce Pine Memorial Cemetery.

Donations can be made to Novant Health Glenn A. Kiser Hospice House, 1229 Statesville Blvd, Salisbury, NC 28144 or Calvary Baptist Church 2255 E. Ridge Road, Salisbury, NC 28144.

Summersett Funeral Home is serving the Burleson family. Online condolences may be made at [www.summersettfuneralhome.com](http://www.summersettfuneralhome.com).

# Tribute Wall

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“ I wanted the family to know how much I thought of your mom and dad. When I was teaching piano to two of my favorite ( and best) girls, your parents were always there to encourage me and my other students, too. Jimmy and I will continue to remember your family in prayer. Blessings! Marsha Carter

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**Marsha Carter** - May 25, 2024 at 01:01 PM

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“ Sorry for your loss! Carlos and I always cherished your family's friendship. Lots of good memories. Hazel Poteat



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**Hazel Poteat** - May 11, 2024 at 10:57 AM

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“ My heart hurts for this family because I know he will be missed. I too, will miss him. As for me, my comfort will come with knowing where he is spending eternity and we will meet again some day. Mr. Burluson, I love you. May God be with you all during this time of loss. My continued prayers and love, Cathy Seals Shinn

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**Cathy Shinn** - May 10, 2024 at 09:57 PM