



## Thurman Ribelin

October 12, 1914 - June 8, 2010

Mr. Thurman Ribelin, 95, passed away Tuesday, June 8, 2010 after a brief period of declining health.

Born October 12, 1914 in Badin, NC, Thurman was raised in eastern Rowan County. He moved his family to Florida in 1957. After retirement, he and his wife returned to Cleveland, NC and they were active members of Enon Baptist Church.

Thurman was the second child and oldest son of Jesse and Augusta Wilhelm Ribelin. There were five siblings who worked the family farm. He graduated from Rockwell High School and was later employed by Cannon Mills.

He was drafted into the Army in 1941 and served with the 34th Infantry Division, which was assembled in Ireland and then deployed to North Africa. After a successful campaign across Algeria and Tunisia, his unit was deployed to Italy where it was heavily involved in the invasion at Anzio. His military service continued to the end of World War II. He was married in 1946 to Creola Wood and soon entered the construction trade as a carpenter.

Thurman was an avid gardener and was happiest when working outdoors.

He was preceded in death by his wife Creola Wood, May 3, 1995, his brothers

Grady and Baxter Ribelin, and sister Irene Almond and Moline Eller. Survivors include sister, Zela Hill of Thomasville, son Frank Ribelin and wife Joyce, their children Emily and Gregory, all of North Easton, Massachusetts, and Ben Ribelin, his wife Patricia, and their son Austin of Salisbury.

Visitation: The family will receive friends at Summersett Funeral Home Friday, June 11, 2010 from 6-8 PM.

Service: A service honoring the life of Mr. Ribelin will be held at Enon Baptist Church on Saturday, June 12, 2010 at 4:00 PM with Rev. Kip Mobley officiating. Interment will follow at Rowan Memorial Park.

Memorials may be made to Enon Baptist Church, 1875 Enon Church Rd., Salisbury, NC 28147.

The family extends their sincerest thanks to the attentive and caring staff with Rowan Regional Hospice and at Liberty Commons Nursing Center.

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

# Tribute Wall



“ *Emily and Family:  
Our thoughts and prayers are with you at this difficult tme.*

*With Deepest Sympathy, Rick, Gina and Adam Dorr##imported-  
begin##Regina Dorr##imported-end##*

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June 10, 2010 at 11:17 AM



“ *I am very sorry about your loss...your family is in my thoughts and  
prayers##imported-begin##JANE HIGGINS##imported-end##*

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June 10, 2010 at 09:55 AM



“ *Ben and Frank,  
My thoughts are with you during this very difficult time.*

*I still miss Dad every day but he's always with me in my  
heart##imported-begin##Sue Ribelin-Harms##imported-end##*

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June 10, 2010 at 06:36 AM



“ *Dear Frank, Joyce, Emily, Greg,  
I am so sorry to hear of Frank's dad. No matter the age, it always  
hurts. My thoughts and prayer are with you and your family at this  
hard time.*

*God Bless*

*Debbie##imported-begin##Debbie Duhamel##imported-end##*

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June 09, 2010 at 06:09 PM



“ We are so sorry to hear of Uncle Thurman passing from this life to a home in Heaven. I know he is rejoicing with our Heavenly Father. May he rest in peace,. May God bless each of you. Love Jewell###imported-begin###Jewell & Ronnie Faggart###imported-end##

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June 09, 2010 at 05:33 PM



“ Uncle Thurman was a gracious man and he will be missed. I always enjoyed seeing his smile and hearing his laughter.

All of you will be in my prayers and thoughts.###imported-begin###J. Renee Turner###imported-end##

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June 09, 2010 at 05:23 PM



“ May the road rise to meet you. May the wind be always at your back. May the sun shine warm upon your face, the rains fall soft upon the fields.  
And, Until we meet again, May God hold you in the palm of his hand.  
Rest in Peace Grandpa. Love you.###imported-begin###Emily Ribelin-Saltmarsh###imported-end##

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June 09, 2010 at 03:29 PM