



## Tiny Walter Shoaf

June 30, 1924 - June 1, 2017

Tiny Walter Shoaf would have been 93 on June 30th. He passed away peacefully but unexpectedly on June 1, while convalescing from hip surgery at the N. C. State Veterans Home in Salisbury.

Born in Salisbury, he grew up in the Ellis Cross Roads area and graduated in 1942 from Spencer High School. He met his wife, Mamie Frances Willard while working at the N. C. Finishing Co. They eloped upon word that Walt was being drafted for service in WWII and were married for over 70 years. Frances preceded him in death in 2014.

Walt served in the Army from April 1944 to July 1946 and ended his service assigned to the 245th Quartermaster Depot Supply Company. He achieved the rank of Staff Sergeant, and told many fascinating tales about his service in France, Germany and Belgium. Walt was a member of the Harold B. Jarret Post of the VFW. Upon being discharged from the service Walt studied business at Salisbury Business College and later went on to study barbering at Winston Salem Barber College. Walt worked for 13 years as a barber at the Yadkin Hotel in Salisbury. In 1962 he opened the West Innes Barbershop with his partner, Cecil Clark. 53 years later, at the age of 90, Walt reluctantly retired. Known for the "good luck hair cut" he loved his work. His customers were also his friends.

Aside from his wife, family, and barbering career, Walt's true love was golf! He was a member of Corbin Hills Golf Club in Salisbury and played with his golfing buddies on courses all over the Carolinas. His love of the sport

extended to producing custom-made golf clubs, which he did as a hobby. Though his health prevented him in recent years from playing regular rounds of golf he was still able to “putt” and did so several times a week with his dear friend, Jerry Allman. He was an amazing sight to see using his walker to make his way around the putting green, still able to collect the occasional quarter bet from Jerry! He scored his last hole in one in a regular round on his 88th birthday.

Walt was the son of the late C.C. and Alice Cope Shoaf. His sister Lizzy Pepper and brothers Houston and J. C. Shoaf also preceded him in death. He is survived by his son, Timothy Walter Shoaf (Cece) of Appleton, WI, daughter, Randye Shoaf Royston of Santa Rosa, CA; 4 grandchildren: Thomas (Jamie) Shoaf of Appleton, WI, Ryan Shoaf (U.S. Navy-Japan), James Royston of Santa Rosa, CA, and Rebecca Royston of Watsonville, CA.; Nephews: Robert Willard, Aiken, S. C., Charles (Gloria) Shoaf, Salisbury, N. C. and Houston Shoaf, Jr (Shirley) of Florida; and several great-nieces and great-nephews.

He was a member of the First United Church of Christ.

The family would like to acknowledge neighbors, Darlene and Bernie McDonald, and George Edwards and staff from Bayada Nursing Care for all their wonderful care and support. The family would also like to thank all of Walt’s caring friends especially the College Barbeque Breakfast Club and staff. You always made his day.

The family will receive friends from 6:00 to 8:00 PM Thursday, June 8, 2017 at Summersett Funeral Home.

The funeral service will be conducted at 2:00 PM Friday, June 9, 2017 at Summersett Memorial Chapel with Rev. Jerry Sipes officiating. Burial will follow at Chestnut Hill Cemetery with Military Honors by the Rowan County Honor Guard.

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



# Cemetery Details

## Chestnut Hill Cemetery

Salisbury, NC

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUN 8. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Summersett Funeral Home  
1315 W. Innes St.  
Salisbury, NC 28144  
(704) 633-2111  
<https://www.summersettfuneralhome.com>

## Service

JUN 9. 2:00 PM (ET)

Summersett Memorial Chapel  
1315 W. Innes St.  
Salisbury, NC 28144

# Tribute Wall



“ *Walt cut my families hair for many years, will never forget him. Rest peacefully my friend.*

*James (Larry) Loman, San Antonio, TX*

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**James Larry Loman** - August 04, 2017 at 10:35 AM

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“ So sorry to hear of Walt's passing. We had a lot of great times on the golf course together. He had one strict rule with golf that he would never break, "he only played golf on days that ended in y". When it snowed, I remember us getting into the car and driving until we found clear ground then we looked for a golf course. Walt is now teeing it up with Brian, Skeet, Bucky and so many of his great friends in heaven. After I quit playing, I would once in a while mail Walt a quarter. If someone said they were going to Walt's shop I would give them a quarter to take to him with the same message. I would tell him that saved me 4 hours and he would have won a "cat" anyway. If you knew Walt, you did not dare "travel" with him on his Coke machine in the shop. He had it stacked and knew where every bottle was located. You would have to be of an age to remember "traveling with Coke bottles". I am so sorry I missed his funeral, my wife was in the hospital at the same time with a fractured pelvis. I just found out today, July 8th. Lots of Walt stories from the golf course, the one that sticks out the most is when he was putting out on #18 green at Corbin Hills during a thunderstorm, we all ran for the club house except Walt, he was going to finish. Lightning struck the tree beside the green, the tree fell across the green and Walt, we just knew he was dead, but no, a fork in the tree landed right around him and left him his 6 foot putt open to the hole. Now that's a true story, I saw it happen. God bless you Walt, you will be missed, but you will have to put up with old Skeet one putting all those greens in heaven. You had a way of making everyone feel good.

*Paul Rendleman*

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**Paul Rendleman** - July 08, 2017 at 11:40 AM

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“ I am the daughter of Cecil Clark, Walt's partner in the barbershop. I have such fond memories of "Shoaf" as Daddy called him. He was so funny, and i loved going to the shop listening to his stories and jokes. Although Daddy is gone now, i know he would say that he could not have picked a better partner than Walt Shoaf! He and Daddy are probably in Heaven now, joking around and playing golf! Prayers for the family. I know he will be greatly missed.

Margie Miller - June 08, 2017 at 10:35 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Tiny Walter Shoaf.



June 06, 2017 at 04:07 AM

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“ Tom Schneider lit a candle in memory of Tiny Walter Shoaf



Tom Schneider - June 02, 2017 at 09:58 PM