



## Mr Tom Wherry Ayers

February 11, 1935 - October 13, 2014

Mr. Tom Wherry Ayers, 79, of Salisbury, NC died peacefully Monday, October 13, 2014 at Autumn Care of Salisbury.

The son of the late Ruffin Wherry Ayers and Mary Lessie Matthews he was born in Nash County, NC on February 11, 1935. He attended Nashville City Schools, Atlantic Christian College at Wilson, NC and the School of Banking at Chapel Hill. Mr. Ayers served in the U.S. Air Force for 4 years.

An experienced banker Ayers began his career with Planters National Bank in Rocky Mount, NC where he became manager of the Time Payment Department. Later he was associated with Edgecombe Bank and Trust Company in Tarboro, NC as Vice President and loan officer. Ayers joined Security Bank and Trust co. in 1972 as Vice-President and managed the Cannon Blvd. Office in Kannapolis. He moved to Salisbury in 1976 where he later became Senior Vice-President and managed the five Salisbury offices.

Active in community affairs, Ayers has been a member of various organizations including the Jay Cees, Lions Club, Optimist Club, and Civitan Club. He was treasurer of the Salisbury-Rowan Chamber of Commerce, Consumer Credit Counseling Service of Rowan County, and was involved in the United Fund Campaign. He was also director and on the Board of Trinity Oaks.

He was a member of First Baptist Church where he served as Chairman of the Trustees, teller Committee, Treasurer of the Finance Committee, and various other positions. He was a member of the Summa Petenda Sunday school class.

In addition to his parents, preceding him in death were his two brothers, Joseph H. Ayers and Fred R. Ayers and sister, Angela D. Ayers Smith.

Surviving is his wife, Barbara Jean Taylor Ayers of Rocky Mount, NC who he was married to for 53 years; a daughter, Caroline Ayers Parmiter and her husband Ronald "Scott" Parmiter; two grandchildren, Megan Ayers Parmiter and Thomas Scott Parmiter; two sisters, Mary Lou Ayers Corbett and Helen Ayers Rackley; and one brother, Basil Stanley Ayers.

A private service will be conducted at Rowan Memorial park by the Rev. Dr. Kenneth Lance, Minister of First Baptist Church of Salisbury.

The Ayers family would like to thank the staff of Autumn Care of Salisbury for their care, comfort and love shown to Tom and his family.

In lieu of flowers memorials in memory of Mr. Ayers may be made to the Alzheimer's Association, 3800 Shamrock Drive, Charlotte, NC 28215-3220 the Salvation Army, PO Box 625, Salisbury, NC 28145; or Rowan Hospice and Palliative Care, 720 Grove Street, Salisbury, NC 28144.

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

# Tribute Wall

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“ *Barbara,  
We were saddened to read of Tom's death. We always thought so highly of him.  
God bless,  
Susan and Jim Beard*

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**Jim and Susan Beard** - October 15, 2014 at 01:00 PM

MR

“ *To the Family,  
Knowing Mr. Ayers has been a joy, I come to know Mr. Ayers at Security Bank many tears ago. Mr. Ayers was always willing and very able to offer advice and direction when needed as well as encouragement. I will always remember Mr. Ayers and the contribution he made in the banking industry. We will keep your family in our prayers and I know Tom knew where he was headed.*

*Mary Rich*

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**Mary Rich** - October 14, 2014 at 04:30 PM

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“ My Uncle Tom Ayers was very special to me. We shared memories of the old farm so many times, as I used to spend a lot of my younger years there. He was more like a Big Brother to me than an uncle (only 13 years apart). During his time in the AF, we exchanged letters on a regular basis. He was one factor I chose the AF as a career (25 yrs). He was so patient with the ramblings of a young boy's writing and always took the time to provide lengthy responses to my letters. It meant so much to get a letter in the mail from Tom. Can't even express the joy or the number of times I read and re-read each one. I will always cherish the family get-together we had a couple of years ago when he and Aunt Barbara joined us in one of our family gatherings in Bailey. It was the last time I was blessed to spend time with him and we talked about the "good ol' times" and we shared a big hug as he was leaving. That memory will be with me forever. Tom, my Uncle and Big Brother, I love you and will always hold you dear in my heart.

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**Randy Ayers** - October 13, 2014 at 07:02 PM



“ I can never express how much I loved this man. He had a gentle way of loving his family and his Lord with all of his heart. He was the patriarch of our family and prepared us to continue our time on earth through his example. Rest in peace Granddaddy for you lived a complete, full life and we will always treasure our memories of you.

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**Scott Parmiter** - October 13, 2014 at 11:54 AM