



Wilborn "Bill" Sink Swaim

December 29, 1916 - June 19, 2011

Wilborn Sink "Bill" Swaim died on Sunday, June 19, 2011 five days following the death of his wife of 70 years.

Born December 29, 1916, in Forsyth County, his parents were Harvey Franklin Swaim and Mamie Sink Swaim. Upon receiving his degree from UNC, Bill became the town clerk for the city of Chapel Hill, where an audit occasioned his introduction to Elinor Henderson. They were married on July 26, 1941. Six months later, on January 6, Bill left Chapel Hill for Ft. Bragg. He served in the 320th Air Service Group of the United States Army until November 23, 1945.

After his discharge from the army, Bill worked for McCrary Mills in Asheboro until the family moved to Salisbury in 1962. Working with his father-in-law, John Henderson, at Carolina Maid Products, Inc., in Granite Quarry, Bill was president of the manufacturing company from 1967 until his retirement in 1990.

Bill served on the Rowan County Board of Elections and was elected to the Rowan County Board of Commissioners. He served on the Rowan County ABC Board and was active in the Rowan County Chamber of Commerce. He was a Director of the F&M Bank. A member of the Salisbury Rotary Club since 1963, he served as president of the club in 1977.

Although born a Baptist, Bill became a devout Presbyterian. Ordained to the office of Elder in January 1956, he was treasurer of First Presbyterian Church in Asheboro for many years. When the family moved to Salisbury, he and Elinor both served as Elders in First Presbyterian Church, where Bill also served on the Building Committee.

Bill was happiest when he and Elinor sat on the porch of their home at Emerald Isle or whenever the Tarheels celebrated a win. He will be missed by his three children and seven grandchildren.

The Service of Witness to the Resurrection will be held at First Presbyterian Church on Wednesday, June 22, at 2:00 p.m., and will celebrate the lives of both Bill and Elinor. The family will greet friends in Lewis Hall following the service. A graveside service with military honors will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Wednesday, June 22, at the National Cemetery in Salisbury.

In lieu of flowers memorials gifts may be made to First Presbyterian Church, 308 West Fisher Street, Salisbury.

Summersett Funeral Home is serving the Swaim family. Online condolences may be made at www.summersettfuneralhome.com.

Tribute Wall



“ Dear Friends, My heart is deeply saddened by the news of the passing of your Mother and Dad. I am out of town and cannot be there to celebrate their lives, but please know that you are in my thoughts and prayers. I still think of you as part of my family.

I cherish the memories of being a part of your years at Carolina Maid. My love to all

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“ I am so sorry about your family's double loss of Bill and Elinor. May God comfort each of you in your time of grief.##imported-begin##Barrie Kirby##imported-end##

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