



William "Bill" Emmett Andrews

March 4, 1929 - June 27, 2013

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Spencer – William (Bill) Emmett Andrews, 84, passed away Thursday, June 27, 2013, after a period of declining health.

Bill was born March 4, 1929, in Spencer, North Carolina, the son of the late H. Clyde Andrews and Erie Faye Andrews. At the age of three he suffered an injury from a fall that left him neurologically impaired for the rest of his life. Unable to attend school, he lived at home with his parents and, until they were adults, a brother Robert (Bob) and a sister Nancy.

Bill was a personable boy and man and familiar to almost everyone in Spencer. He was famous for his walks around town, wearing overalls, a work apron and a good pair of walking shoes, trudging along picking up discarded drink cans and bottles for re-cycling. He kept Spencer clean almost single handedly. One of Bill's favorite stops around town was for a glass of tea at Steve's Chicken and Barbeque Restaurant, just down the street from Bethamy Retirement Home where he resided for many years. He attended Spencer Presbyterian Church while his mother was alive and then was a member of First Baptist Church of Spencer until his death. A very special thanks from the family must go to Rev. Franklin Myers of Spencer First Baptist Church for his kindness and Christian nurturing to Bill over many, many years.

Bill was preceded in death by his parents and is survived by his brother Robert E. Andrews of Luthersville, Georgia, sister Nancy Andrews Ellis of Asheville, North Carolina, and several nephews and nieces and grand

nephews and nieces.

Interment was in Rowan Memorial Park cemetery in Salisbury, North Carolina, alongside his parents. Summersett Funeral Home in Salisbury assisted the family.

A memorial service will be held at First Baptist Church of Spencer at 2 pm, Saturday, July 20, 2013, with the Rev. Franklin Myers officiating. The family will receive friends thirty minutes prior to the service.

In lieu of flowers, memorial gifts may be made to First Baptist Church of Spencer, 215 Fifth Street, Spencer, NC 28159; Spencer Presbyterian Church, 113 First Street, Spencer, NC 28159; or Mills Gap Baptist Church, 370 Mills Gap Road, Asheville, NC 28803.

Summersett Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Online condolences may be made at www.summersettfuneralhome.com

Previous Events

Memorial Service

JUL **20**. 2:00 PM (ET)

First Baptist Church of Spencer
215 Fifth Street
Spencer, NC

Tribute Wall



“ *Bill, I enjoyed the times spent with you while at Spencer Shops from 1990-2000. Your laugh always brought a smile to my face. Rest in Peace, good buddy!*

Will Vanderburg

Former Historical Interpreter and Train Crew Member

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