



William "Bill" L. Kesler

July 11, 1940 - April 23, 2025

William "Bill" L. Kesler, 84, of Salisbury, NC passed away Wednesday, April 23, 2025 at Novant Health Rowan Medical Center.

Bill was born July 11, 1940 in Rowan County, NC to the late Ethel Taylor Kesler and Lavern Baline "Bill" Kesler. He was a graduate of Boyden High School Class of 1958 where he played baseball and helped lead the team to win the State Championship his Senior year. Bill played for the Rowan County American Legion Baseball team. He was awarded a scholarship for baseball at Pfeiffer College. Later he enjoyed playing fast pitch softball for many years. Bill was a veteran of the U.S. Army serving in the 82nd Airborne as a Paratrooper from 1959-1961. He worked as a traffic manager for Norandal until his retirement, being recognized as having perfect attendance and never being late for over 40 years. Bill loved fishing and hunting and spending time with his family. Everyone loved Bill, whether they were friends or family, he was a giver to all.

Bill was a member of John Calvin Presbyterian Church. He volunteered for Rowan Helping Ministries for many years.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his wife, Carolyn Burns Kesler.

Left to cherish his memory is his son, Donald Kesler (Doni) of Salisbury, NC; daughter, Lynn Kesler Bryant (David) of Faith, NC; sister, Shirley Kesler Edwards of Mooresville, NC; brother, David Kesler (Barbara) of Welcome, NC; grandchildren: Tracy Misenheimer Sloop (Tyler), Madison Bost (Tanner),

Olivia Kesler, Landyn Kesler and Anderson Kesler and great-grandchildren: Tate and Everly Sloop and Rowdyn Bost. Many special cousins, nieces and nephews also survive him.

A Graveside Service will be held 1 PM (May 2) at Rowan Memorial Park. The family will speak to friends following the service.

Memorials may be made to John Calvin Presbyterian Church, 1620 Brenner Ave, Salisbury, NC 28144 or to the charity of the donor's choice.

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

Cemetery Details

Rowan Memorial Park

4125 Franklin Comm Center Rd
Salisbury, NC 28144
(704) 636-8751

Previous Events

Graveside Service

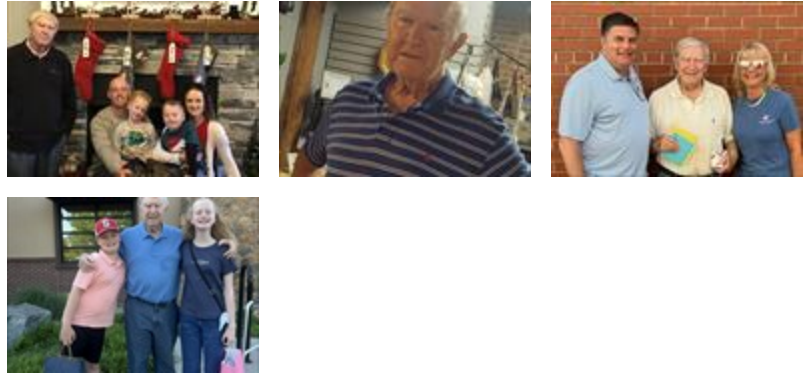
MAY 2. 1:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ 4 files added to the album Dad



Lynn Kesler Bryant - June 19, 2025 at 01:15 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of William "Bill" L. Kesler.

May 01, 2025 at 09:45 PM



“ Loving Lilies and Roses Bouquet was purchased for the family of William "Bill" L. Kesler.



May 01, 2025 at 09:45 PM

DK

“ Doni Kesler lit a candle in memory of William "Bill" Kesler



Doni Kesler - April 28, 2025 at 10:29 PM

OI

“ On behalf of Inland Coatings, Inc. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of William "Bill" L. Kesler.

On behalf of Inland Coatings, Inc. - April 28, 2025 at 09:52 AM

OI

“ On behalf of Inland Coatings, Inc. purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of William "Bill" L. Kesler.



On behalf of Inland Coatings, Inc. - April 28, 2025 at 09:52 AM

DP

“ I only knew Bill for a short time during his brief stay at TRINITY OAKS ASSISTED LIVING. I had shown him the various amenities available at TOAL. Upon learning that he was involved with Norandal, I relayed to him that I had called on Norandal (Republic Foil) as a rep for Measurex Systems in the late 70s which was installed on the roller mill there. We relived memories from our paths crossing then. I was shocked to learn that he had been transferred to Novant Salisbury hospital and passed the next day. Bill was many things, but most of all he seemed to be a Christian who loved his family. We never got to discuss his baseball talent (ie member of the 1958 Rowan American Legion State Champions) nor his service to our country as a 101 AIRBORNE PARATROOPER. I know his family will miss him. Please accept my condolences and may GOD BLESS YOU ALL!

Don Pruitt - April 27, 2025 at 01:58 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of William "Bill" L. Kesler.

April 26, 2025 at 03:59 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of William "Bill" L. Kesler.



April 26, 2025 at 03:59 PM

DK

“ 1 file added to the album Dad



Donald Kesler - April 26, 2025 at 03:31 PM

DK

“ 1 file added to the album Kesler



Donald Kesler - April 26, 2025 at 02:49 PM

LK

“ Landyn Kesler lit a candle in memory of William "Bill" Kesler



Landyn Kesler - April 26, 2025 at 11:51 AM

DK

“ 1 file added to the album Dad



Donald Kesler - April 26, 2025 at 11:18 AM

DK

“ 2 files added to the album Dad



Donald Kesler - April 26, 2025 at 11:14 AM

LF

“ Lynda F. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of William "Bill" L. Kesler.

Lynda F. - April 26, 2025 at 09:52 AM

DA

“ To the Kesler family, we are so sorry for your loss. Bill and Carolyn were good neighbors and friends to my mom and dad, and Bill has been a good neighbor to us, we will miss seeing him in his little truck come down the road and will also miss seeing him fishing in his front yard trying out a new fishing rod. Thoughts and prayers for the days ahead. Don and Marcia Atwell

Don and Marcia Atwell - April 25, 2025 at 07:19 PM

DK

“ Donald Kesler lit a candle in memory of William "Bill" Kesler



Donald Kesler - April 25, 2025 at 06:51 PM

CM

“ I am so sorry for the families loss. Mr Bill was a wonderful person. When I would go and clean for him he would stand there at the window and talk about the squirrels and the birds he knew what each one of them was.

He was so kind to everyone and he loved joking around. He loved it when his family was there. He will be deeply missed. It was such a joy to know him and he really would light up when he was watching the birds. He will be missed and you are all in my prayers. 🙏



Cynthia McDougal - April 25, 2025 at 01:32 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of William "Bill" L. Kesler.

April 25, 2025 at 08:39 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of William "Bill" L. Kesler.



April 25, 2025 at 08:39 AM



“ Olivia Kesler lit a candle in memory of William "Bill" Kesler



Olivia Kesler - April 24, 2025 at 10:45 PM

FR

“ *Food Lion Salisbury Region purchased the Laver Reflections Spray for the family of William "Bill" L. Kesler.*



Food Lion Salisbury Region - April 24, 2025 at 09:13 PM