



William Franklin Wetmore

December 19, 1914 - July 11, 2010

William Franklin Wetmore, 95 of Woodleaf passed away July 11, 2010 at the North Carolina State Veterans Home.

Mr. Wetmore was born October 19, 1914 in Woodleaf to the late John Harrington Wetmore and Bertha Watson Wetmore. He was the 3rd of 7 children.

He was a graduate of Woodleaf High School in 1933, where he and his best friend Sarah Bailey Coulter were voted best looking senior superlatives.

Mr. Wetmore worked at Erwin Mills, Cooleemee prior to WWII. On March 7, 1942 he married Fay Young of Spencer. He and Fay met at the draft board in Spencer where she worked when he went to respond to his WWII draft notice. He served in the US Army from May 30, 1942 until Jan 6, 1946 where he earned two bronze service stars for service in New Guinea and South Philippines. After the service he worked for Norfolk Southern Rail Road as a Car inspector from 1950-1981 and retired from Pamona Yard, Greensboro.

Mr. Wetmore was a member of the Brotherhood of Railway Carmen, and Rowan County Democratic Party. He was a Charter Member of the Woodleaf Civitan Club where he was honored as a Lifetime Member after 50 years of membership. He was a member and former treasure of St. Georges Episcopal

Church, Woodleaf.

Preceding him in death his wife Fay Y. Wetmore November 9, 1998 after 56 years of marriage, brothers Watson Wetmore, and James B. Wetmore (Battle of the Bulge Dec. 22, 1942), sisters Mary Emma Lyerly, Pauline Arey, and Annie Thompson.

Those left to cherish his memory daughter Molly Wetmore Kennerly (Bob) of Fayetteville, NC granddaughters Paige Rousey (Trey) Spartanburg, SC and Charlotte Kellogg (Tony) of Ft. Richardson, Anchorage, Alaska, Great grandchildren include his pride and namesake Great-grandson William Kellogg and Great granddaughter Elizabeth Kellogg both of Ft. Richardson Anchorage, Alaska, Brother Paul H. Wetmore (Lucille) of Raleigh, sister in law Katherine Y. Heck (Carroll) of Martinsville, VA, and a special niece Norma W. Goodson and Family of Woodleaf.

Graveside service 11 AM Wednesday July 14, 2010 at Unity Presbyterian Church with the Rev. Carroll Robinson officiating, military rites to be conducted by Rowan County Honor Guard. Visitation will follow after the service.

Special thanks for the care and kindness given to him by the NC State Veterans Home for the past 18 months.

Memorials may be made to St. George's Episcopal Church PO Box 23, Woodleaf, NC 27054

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

Tribute Wall



“ I'm sorry for your loss. I've lost my father so I can understand your pain. Death is never easy to accept which is why it's called an enemy in the Bible at 1 Corinthians 15:26. But Jesus gave us a hope in the Bible at John 11:25: "I am the resurrection and the life. He that exercises faith in me, even though he dies, will come to life." So, we will be able to see our loved ones again by means of the resurrection. Then we will never have to lose them again. Why can we say that? Because God has promised us this in the Bible at such scriptures as Isaiah 25:8, Isaiah 26:19, and Revelation 21:3-5. Isn't this good news? Please read these scriptures in your own Bible. Sincerely, Rosemarie##imported-begin##Rosemarie##imported-end##

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“ Molly, May God's comfort be upon you and your family. Sincerely, Jimmy##imported-begin##Jimmy Comer##imported-end##

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“ Molly,
Sorry to read of the death of your Dad. I have fond memories of my Woodleaf days, which include your family.
Try to dwell on the fond memories that you have of him and not the sad ones.
May the Lord give you an extra measure of strength and comfort during this hard time.
Much love and sympathy,
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“ *Dear Molly:*

When I saw the picture of your dad that smile of his brought back so many memories. I'm so sorry for your loss but take comfort in knowing he's in a much better place.

Love,

Cindy###imported-begin##Cindy Wetmore Riccardi##imported-end##

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