



William Nelson Rankin

September 1, 1926 - March 28, 2018

William Nelson Rankin, 91, of Salisbury, NC passed away Wednesday, March 28, 2018 at his residence.

Born September 1, 1926 in Louisa, Kentucky to the late Flora M. Page and Julius M. Rankin.

Mr. Rankin served in the U.S. Army during WWII and retired after many years as a teacher from Salisbury Schools.

In addition to his parents, he was also preceded in death by his brother and sister-in-law, Robert and Dorothy Rankin.

Surviving is his wife, Betty Mae McKinney Rankin; daughter, Kim Russ and her late husband, John Russ of Salisbury; grandchildren, Matthew and Amanda Russ of Rock Hill, SC and Jordan and Robert Laiweneek of Lincolnton; three great-grandchildren, Gavin and Laney Russ and Tucker Laiweneek and one sister, Diana and Bill Pack of Ashland, KY.

A graveside service with military honors will be held Friday, May 4, 2018 at 2:00 PM at Salisbury National Cemetery.

Memorial donations may be made to Rowan Hospice and Palliative Care 720 Grove Street Salisbury, NC 28144 or The Laurels of Salisbury 215 Lash Drive Salisbury, NC 28147.

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

Cemetery Details

Salisbury National Cemetery

501 Statesville Blvd.
Salisbury, NC 28144

Previous Events

Graveside Service

MAY 4. 2:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

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“ I was so saddened to see Bill's obituary in today's Post. He was one of my teachers years ago. Then in 1976, as part of a college course, I was his assistant for the Bicentennial events in the local school system. I learned so much from him over the years. I would be in the wake of the smoke of his favorite pipe, clip board in hand trying to capture notes as he rattled off what we needed to do next! Prayers and thoughts go with his family as they deal the loss of such a great man.

bee zimmerman - April 29, 2018 at 09:41 AM

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“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



LISA A BRADWAY - April 22, 2018 at 01:34 PM

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LISA A BRADWAY - April 22, 2018 at 12:29 PM

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“ Bill, Diana, and Lisa purchased the Sacred Duty Spray for the family of William Nelson Rankin.



Bill, Diana, and Lisa - April 19, 2018 at 02:08 PM

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“ 5 files added to the album *Extended family photos*



Bill with niece Lisa and friend in KY

Bill & Betty with Diana Pack & Bill Pack at their home in KY



Lisa Bradway - April 19, 2018 at 01:39 PM