



William "Bill" Ashley Ritchie

March 15, 1933 - January 21, 2013

William Ashley "Bill" Ritchie, age 79, of Salisbury passed away Monday, January 21, 2013 at Kate B. Reynolds Hospice House in Winston-Salem.

Mr. Ritchie was born March 15, 1933 in Fayetteville, NC the son of the late Fitzhugh Lee Ritchie and Ada Kerns Ritchie . He moved to Salisbury when he was 13 years old with his family who were Salvation Army officers. Bill attended Boyden High School and began his working career at Carter Brothers and Loeblein Brothers. In 1963 he started a re-upholstery business and in 1971 Ritchie Steamway was started which he owned and operated.

Preceding him in death was a son Warren Ray Ritchie in 1994 and a grandson William Nathaniel "Nathan" Peeler in 2005.

Those left of cherish his memories are his wife Ruby Carpenter Ritchie whom he married October 5, 1951; daughters Patricia Ann Ritchie of Salisbury and Wanda K. Peeler of Statesville; sister Maj. Gladys R. Bergin of Atlanta, Georgia; grandchildren Joshua Corriher Peeler (Brooke) of Lexington and William Madison "Matt" Peeler of E. Carolina University; great-grandchildren Pressley Gail Peeler and Kaleb Michael Peeler.

Visitation: 3:30-5:00 PM Tuesday, January 29, 2013 at Summersett Funeral Home.

Memorial Service: 5:00 PM Tuesday, January 29, 2013 at Summersett Memorial Chapel.

Memorial may be made to St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105-1905 or to Kate B. Reynolds Hospice House, 101 Hospice Lane, Winston Salem, NC 27103.

A special thank you goes to Dr. Vijay Jarsania and the nurses of the Smith Heart and Vascular Center of Rowan Regional Medical Center and Dr. Kim M. Kinsley, D.O. Hospice director, and nurse Cheryl Hayworth of the Kate B. Reynolds Hospice House.

Summersett Funeral Home is serving the Ritchie family.

Tribute Wall



“ *Ruby...my sincere condolences to you and your family on the loss of Bill. It is particularly sad to lose your mate who has become a part of you over the years. I pray that God will take care of you, ease your grief, and bless you.
In Christian love, Don Patterson
CGHS Class of 1953.##imported-begin##Don Patterson##imported-end##*

February 01, 2013 at 11:20 AM



“ *Thinking and praying for you during this difficult time in your life.##imported-begin##Sharon Hoffman Hampton##imported-end##*

January 27, 2013 at 03:10 PM



“ *Ruby, we are so sorry to hear of Bills passing and had no idea he was sick. I am out of the country and just heard of his passing and will therefore be unable to be with you tomorrow
Our warmest condolences to you and your family
Gerry & Brenda##imported-begin##Gerry & Brenda Wood##imported-end##*

January 27, 2013 at 10:38 AM



“ *We were so sorry to hear that Bill had passed away. Our thoughts and prayers are with you Ruby and your entire family.
Robert and Missy Utley##imported-begin##Melissa Utley##imported-end##*

January 26, 2013 at 10:56 PM



“ *We were so sorry to read of the death of Bill. We always enjoyed working with him. He was so helpful and easy to be around. Our sincerest sympathy goes out to all of his family members.
Wayne & Patti Allman##imported-begin##Wayne & Patti Allman##imported-end##*

January 25, 2013 at 01:32 PM



“ dear family,

i was so sorry to hear about bill's passing. i have very fond memories of spending time in the family home with all of you and Ray. Please know that my thoughts and prayers are with you and your family during this difficult time. love to you all.
Pam Hylton Coffield

January 25, 2013 at 09:37 AM



“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you all. We will all miss him greatly. He always gave us a laugh and was so thoughtful to our family.
Love the maddox's

January 24, 2013 at 06:56 PM



“ My prayers and thoughts are with you all during this time. Bill was a good friend to our entire family, and the community, and will be missed by us all.

January 23, 2013 at 02:31 PM