

Charles A. Church

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Charles A. Church, age 67, of 2953 NC Highway 194 South, Sugar Grove, the Valle Crucis Community, passed away Sunday, April 28, 2013, at Wake Forest University Baptist Medical Center in Winston-Salem.

Charles was born February 2, 1946 in Johnson County, Tennessee, a son of the late Ralph M. Church and Laura F. Church. He was farmer and farm owner in the Valle Crucis Community. Charles was a member of Valle Crucis United Methodist Church where he was former Superintendent of Sunday School. He was a board member of the North Carolina Farm Bureau, past secretary of Watauga County Parks and Rec, past member of the Watauga County Planning Board, past member of the North Carolina Agriculture and Sustainability. Charles also helped organize the New River Organic Growers and the Eastern Carolina Organics.

Charles is survived by his wife, Betty Smith Church of the home; three sons, Ralph Church and wife Amy of Valle Crucis, Chuck Church and wife Kelly of Sugar Grove, and Joel Church of Valle Crucis; four grandsons, Matthew Church and fiancée Nicole Sbrizzi of Zionville, Dillon Church of Valle Crucis, Kevin Church, and Jeremy Church, both of Sugar Grove; a special

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nephew, Otis Watson and wife Sonja of Wilkesboro; a special niece, Gail Watson Hicks and husband Dewayne of Butler, Tennessee, and one sister-in-law, Shelia Grindstaff and husband Jerry of Vilas. He is also survived by a number of nieces and nephews.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by one sister, Laura Milton Hodges.

Funeral services for Charles A. Church will be conducted Wednesday afternoon, May 1, 2013, at 3:00 o'clock, at Hampton Funeral Home Chapel. The body will lie in state, at the chapel, from 12:30 until 3:00 o'clock. Officiating will be Reverend Delmar James. Private graveside services and burial will follow in the Baird Family Cemetery.

The family will receive friends Wednesday afternoon, from 12:30 until 3:00 o'clock, at the funeral home, prior to the service. At other times, friends may call at the residence, 2953 NC Highway 194 South, Sugar Grove.

Flowers are appreciated, or memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society, Watauga Relay For Life, 4-A Oak Branch Drive, Greensboro, North Carolina, 27407.

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Online condolences may be sent to the Church family at www.hamptonfuneralinc.com.

Hampton Funeral and Cremation Service is in charge of the arrangements.