

James Madison Coffey

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James Madison Coffey, age 90, of 717C Deep Ford Road, Lansing, passed away Wednesday morning, June 5, 2013, at Watauga Medical Center.

Mr. Coffey was born April 4, 1923 in Caldwell County, a son of the late Columbus and Lillie Hatley Coffey. He was a master gardener at his mountaintop home which was a showplace of beautiful flowers. Mr. Coffey was an organic grower before it became popular, raising prize winning vegetables without the use of fertilizers and pesticides. He produced bumper crops of tomatoes every year which he enjoyed sharing with family and friends.

A proud veteran of World War II, Mr. Coffey served his country in the United States Marine Corp in Okinawa, SaiPan, and Guam in the South Pacific. He was proud of his country and proud to be an American.

Mr. Coffey is survived by his wife of 67 years, Bonnie Austin Coffey of Gastonia; one daughter, Sandra C. Brown and husband Ray of Blowing Rock; four sons, Dennis E. Coffey and wife Sandra of Hudson, Roger J. Coffey and wife Cheryl of Stanley, Tony M. Coffey and wife Merle, and Kenneth R. Coffey and wife Deeda, all of Charlotte. He is also survived by eleven grandchildren and twenty-four great-grandchildren.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by one son, Richard Dale Coffey, and his

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father and mother, Columbus and Lillie Hatley Coffey.

Graveside services for James Madison Coffey will be conducted Friday afternoon, June 7, 2013, at 2:00 o'clock, at Boone Fork Community Cemetery. Officiating will be Reverend Jimmy Britt. Military graveside rites and burial, provided by American Legion Post 130 and Disabled American Veterans, will follow.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Alzheimer's Association, Western Carolina Chapter, 3800 Shamrock Drive, Charlotte, North Carolina, 28215-3220.

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

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