

Mr. Eddie Paul Norris

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Mr. Eddie Paul Norris, age 81, of Burlington and a former resident of Vilas, passed away Tuesday morning, July 30, 2013 at home.

Born January 4, 1932 in the Bethel Community of Watauga County, he was a son of the late Paul and Mona Greer Norris. A graduate of Bethel High School, he served two years in the US Army. Eddie was a retired engineer with the NC Department of Transportation. He was a member and past Master of Snow Lodge # 363 AF & AM for over 50 years. Eddie was also a member of the Scottish Rite, Oasis Shrine and was past Worthy Patron of the Eastern Star. Active in his community he was a member of the American Legion, NC Government Retirement Association, State Employees Credit Union Advisory Board for Watauga County. He was also a member of Watauga Community Action Board, WAMY, and former President of the Young Democrat Club. Eddie Paul was a member of Boone United Methodist Church, and an associate member of Mt. Pleasant Methodist Church in Greensboro and held many offices in the church during his lifetime.

He is survived by his wife of 58 years, Elizabeth "Lib" Clapp Norris, sister in law, Grace Norris Wagner and husband Don, of McLeansville, brothers in law; Marvin Clapp, David Clapp and wife Emily all of Greensboro, sister in law Dorothy Guffey of Greensboro, nieces Regina Miller and husband Earl, Renetta Lineberry and husband John both of McLeansville, Kim Guffey of Waynesville, nephews; Alan Clapp and wife Amy, Andy Clapp and wife Lisa, Mike Clapp and wife Pam all of Greensboro; Raymond Clapp and wife Shree of Gibsonville, Steven Clapp and wife Crystal of McLeansville and many great nieces and nephews. In addition to his parents he was preceded in death by his son Gregory Newton Norris.

Funeral services for Mr. Eddie Paul Norris will be conducted Thursday afternoon at 2 o'clock at Boone United Methodist Church. Officiating will be Rev. Jim Allred, Rev. Don Wagner and Rev. George Naff. Masonic graveside services and burial will follow at Mount Lawn Memorial Park and Gardens. In lieu of flowers memorials may be made to the Gregory Newton Norris Scholarship Fund, Watauga County Schools, Attn: Ly Marze, PO Box 1790, Boone, NC 28607 or to Hospice of Alamance, 914 Chapel Hill Road, Burlington, NC 27215.

The family will receive friends Wednesday evening from 6 o'clock until 8 o'clock at Austin & Barnes Funeral Home. Online condolences may be shared with the Norris family at www.austinandbarnesfuneralhome.com

Austin & Barnes Funeral Home & Crematory is serving the Norris family.