

## **Mr. Alvin Earl Barham**

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Al Barham 78, of Boone, died on December 28, 2013 at home. Born June 4, 1935 in Livingston County, IL, Al was the oldest of the late Harb and Lucy Barham's 7 children.

To know Al was to love him. He loved people and they loved him back. Always proud of his Korean War service, he cherished the life long friends he made there. An active member of the Bonita Springs, FL, Lions Club, until moving to NC in 1998, Al enjoyed serving his community, working on projects and committees, holding numerous offices and ultimately was honored with the prestigious Melvin Jones Award.

Mr. Barham is survived by his loving wife of almost 41 years Susan, and son Jim, of Boone; daughter, Sharon and grandson, Mark, of Illinois; siblings Mary Rodneff, Linda Oliver, and Kenny Barham of Florida, Jan Massey of Tennessee, and numerous wonderful relatives. He is preceded in death by siblings Ron Barham and Shirley Hutchinson.

Memorial services will be held at a future date in Boone, Florida and Illinois.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Watauga Humane Society, PO Box 1835, Boone, NC 28607 or to Heifer International, 1 World Avenue, Little Rock, Arkansas 72202

Online condolences may be sent to the family at [www.austinandbarnesfuneralhome.com](http://www.austinandbarnesfuneralhome.com) Austin & Barnes Funeral Home and Crematory is serving the Barham family.