



Cletus Zeverly "Zeb" Hartley (age 98)

November 16, 1924 - December 19, 2022

Mr. Cletus "Zeb" Hartley, a resident of Grayson Creek Assisted Living in Welcome, N.C., passed away Monday, December 19, 2022. Born in Lexington on October 16, 1924, he grew up in Thomasville, enjoying childhood adventures including collecting arrowheads with his friends. At 18 he joined the Army Air Corp, being stationed at the Honington, England air base. When given the opportunity he loved seeing parts of Europe, especially Switzerland. After the war, he married Margaret Scarlette sharing life with their son David and daughter Connie.

Zeb was employed as a mechanic with Welborn Motors of Thomasville for over 50 years. He loved meeting people, especially other veterans, speaking of their experience in military service. He was privileged to join other veterans on flights of honor to Washington DC and New Orleans.

His hobbies included reading, building model cars, and airplanes, but his greatest joy was fishing. He spent as much time as possible at Tom-A-Lex and "Bill's Pond", but for over 40 years the highlight of his year was the annual fishing trip to the coast of N.C. in the fall. Enjoying this trip with son, David, and special friends, Ronald and Ricky Darr, and Bill Kanoy.

As a member of Carolina Memorial Baptist Church, he served as a deacon and for many years was a member of the benevolence committee. No one

loved their family like Zeb, dedicating his entire life to caring for his wife, children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren. He set the example of faith, loyalty, and self-sacrifice for them to follow. For the last few years, his greatest desire and constant remark was "I just want to see Jesus." On Monday, December 19th he stood face-to-face with his King. Zeb was preceded in death by his mother, Florence Hartley Gardner Reece and his loving wife of 71 years, Margaret Scarlette Hartley.

Surviving are his children, David Hartley and wife Patsy of Thomasville and Connie Yarbrough and husband Tom of Chesnee S.C. He also leaves behind 3 grandchildren and 7 great-grandchildren.

A funeral service will be held on Thursday, December 22, 2022, at 2:00 PM at Carolina Memorial Baptist Church with Rev. Tim Landreth officiating. Interment will follow at Holly Hill Memorial Park. The family will greet friends at the church one hour prior to the service from 1:00 until 2:00 PM.

Cemetery Details

Holly Hill Memorial Park Cemetery

401 West Holly Hill Rd.
Thomasville, NC 27360
(336) 472-7455
memorials@hollyhillcemetery.com
<https://hollyhillcemetery.com/>

Previous Events

Funeral Service

DEC **22**. 2:00 PM (ET)

Carolina Memorial Baptist Church
422 Liberty Dr.
Thomasville, NC 27360

Graveside Committal

DEC **22**. 3:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

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“ You and Margaret were the best neighbors I ever had or could hope for. I still have the Battle of The Bulge .46 holster you sold me in 1982. I shall cherish it and pass it on to my grandson. You always complained about your 4 magnolia trees in your yard as I helped you rack the leaves sometimes. You said if it was up to you you would burn them down. Lol RIP Zeb.

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