



Duke John Aster Wells

April 27, 1933 - December 3, 2014

Heading: Duke Wells

Dateline: Greenville

Duke Wells, 81, of 160 Lake Lyman Heights, died December 3, 2014 at Southern Oaks Assisted Living in Greenville, S.C.

A native of Canton, N.C., son of the late Jess Wells and Bernice Lyerly, he was retired from Carotell Paperboard located in Taylors, S.C. Duke also served in the Navy during the Korean conflict, he was based in Pensacola, Fl. As a young man he worked on the highway that connected Western N.C. to Eastern Tenn., as part of a survey team.

He is preceded in death by a brother Earvin Wells (Mary Lee) and two sisters, Russie Brown (Bob) and Nancy Singleton.

Surviving are his nephews Brian Wells (Tammy), Forrest Wells (Laura), Jess Brown (Elyse) and Duke Brown (Karen), nieces Mary Shuler (Terry), and Johnnie Bennett (Ross). He also had 6 great nephews and 7 great nieces, 2 great great nephews and 3 great great nieces.

The sum of Duke's life will not be accounted here, but in the memories and lives of the countless friends, neighbors, and family he touched. Duke said he was fortunate to live in the "Best of times" and he always lived life to the fullest.

Duke requested not to have a service; some of his remains will be placed in the Bon-A-Venture Cemetery next to family in Clyde, N.C. and some will be scattered along the Blue Ridge Parkway (in his beloved mountains).

In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to the Alzheimer's Association or to the Apalache Baptist Church Lottie Moon Offering in his memory.

Online condolences may be made at www.thewoodmortuary.com.

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“Duke was a wonderful person and a fierce friend. He lived his life on his own terms. His love of the mountains was reflected in the many projects he constructed around his home ie... rock walls, BBQ shed, sitting areas. You could take Duke out of the Navy but not the Navy out of him. His house and yard were always spic and span! And his house was open to everyone. How many gallons of gas did he burn through pulling us skiing behind his '72 Correct Craft? We will miss you dearly old friend. Your adopted family, Jeff, Jeffrey and Jennifer. "Duke, your heart was as big as the mountains you loved and the ones that knew you were better off for it." Rest in peace Pal.

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