



Cranford (Pee Wee) Wesley Eckard

December 7, 1928 - April 26, 2016

Cranford Wesley “Pee Wee” Eckard, age 87, of 9th Street Drive N.E. Hickory passed away Tuesday, April 26, 2016 at Catawba Valley Medical Center. Cranford was born December 7, 1928 to the Late Robert Arthur Eckard and Leathia Hall Eckard in Catawba County.

He was a life-long member of Highland United Methodist Church and was employed in the furniture industry, however his real passion was riding his tractor and helping those less fortunate. Every time it snowed he was the first to offer to clear the driveways of his neighbors.

He always made sure that the church parking lot was cleared. He was involved for many years with the building teams, sponsored by Highland United Methodist Church. He went to Panama, Mexico, Puerto Rico and Haiti to build churches and schools. He was a great story teller and really loved going to help. He also volunteered with Habitat for Humanity in North Carolina.

In addition to his parents Mr. Eckard was preceded in death by his wife Carolyn Garner Eckard; one son Royd Eckard; four sisters, Peggy Eckard, Nila Eckard, Lila Eckard Gibson and Fleeta Eckard Cook; One brother Ellis Eckard.

He is survived by his daughter, Evelyn Eckard Duncan (Roy) of Conover; two sons, Neal Arthur Eckard (Cathy) of Hickory and Walter Lynn Eckard (Lisa) of Valdese; one sister, Linda Kay Wise; Six Grandchildren, Brandon Eckard, Sarah Duncan Watson (Nathan). Cody Eckard (Chasity), Stephanie “Sissy”

Eckard Hancock (James) and Candice Eckard; Nine great grandchildren also survive.

Funeral services will be conducted at 2 pm Saturday, April 30, 2016 at Highland United Methodist Church, 1020 12th St. Place NE Hickory, NC. Rev. Tony Bowman and Rev. Roy Miller will officiate. Burial will be in the Catawba Memorial Park. The family will receive friends from 12 to 2 pm prior to the service at the church.

In lieu of flowers memorials may be made to Shiners Hospitals for children, PO Box 1510, Ransom, WV. 25438-4510.

Tribute Wall



“ *Cranford (Pee Wee) Wesley Eckard*

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