



Carroll E Gillespie

December 23, 1931 - October 4, 2013

Carroll Gillespie, 81, husband of Lucille Howell Gillespie, went home to the Lord on Friday, October 4, 2013.

He was a loving husband and a great father and grandfather. Carroll was known for his amazing carving and woodworking skills. Born in Greenville, SC, he was the son of the late Homer L. and Mary Jones Gillespie. He was a member of Travelers Rest United Methodist Church. He served in the U.S. Navy. Carroll retired from Furman University after 29 years in the facilities services department, where he was comically known as "Snake" by his co-workers.

Surviving, along with his wife, are 4 sons, Joey (Tedi), Jim (Rhonda), Jonathon (Debbie), and Jeffrey (Molly) Gillespie; 3 grandchildren, Garrett, Weston, and Anna Gillespie; and a brother, H. Neil (Emily) Gillespie.

Along with his parents, Carroll was predeceased by 3 brothers, Harmon, Ray and Gene Gillespie and a sister, Thelma Pickens.

A memorial service at Charles E. Daniel Chapel, Furman University, will be Monday, November 4, 2013 at 3:00 p.m. The family will receive friends one hour prior to the service.

In lieu of flowers, please make memorials to Goodwill Industries at 115 Haywood Rd., Greenville, SC 29607.

Cemetery Details

Private Burial

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 4. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

Charles E. Daniel Chapel, Furman University
3300 Poinsett Hwy
Greenville, SC

Service

NOV 4. 3:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

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“ Everyone loved Carroll. His slow, sweet smile and caring ways drew people in. I first met "Snake" when I worked on the grounds crew at Furman in the '70's. Later, I spent many happy hours in his and Lu's kitchen, talking and drinking coffee. He always said, "Come in the house!", glad to see us whenever we showed up. What a wonderful, talented soul. My thoughts and prayers are with you, Lu, Joey, Jimmy, Jon, Jeff and families. Love to all, Amy Burns Buckingham

Amy Buckingham - October 06, 2013 at 11:20 AM

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“ I have such fond memories of Mr. Gillespie! He made growing up in Travelers Rest so much fun! Know that our family is praying for all the Gillespies and remembering lots of happy times! Your friend, Rick Blackwell

Rick Blackwell - October 06, 2013 at 08:48 AM