



Russell Wacker

February 14, 1927 - October 30, 2004

Memorial services for Russell Arthur Wacker, 77, will be held at 4:00 p.m. Monday, November 1, 2004 at New Providence Baptist Church. The Revs. Rick Schubert and Todd Jeffords will officiate and Brown-Pennington-Atkins Funeral Home is in charge. The family will receive friends in the fellowship hall following the service. Memorials may be made to the New Providence Baptist Church, 1884 Antioch Rd., Hartsville, SC 29550, or The National Kidney Foundation of SC, 500 Taylor St., Suite 101, Columbia SC 29201.

Mr. Wacker died Saturday, October 30, 2004. Born in Staten Island, NY, he was a son of the late George Gottlieb and Dorothy Mersereau Wacker. He was a member of New Providence Baptist Church and a member of the VFW Post in Spindale, NC. He served in the U.S Army during three wars: World War II, Korea, and two tours in Vietnam. He retired from the U.S. Army after 21 years of service in July of 1966. After retiring he served on the Hartsville Police Department and later as a groundskeeper at Rutherfordton Hospital in NC. He recently was employed as a security officer at Sonoco Products Co. in Hartsville.

Surviving are his wife, Betty Winslow Wacker of Hartsville, SC; son and daughter-in-law, Russell and Peggy Wacker, Jr. of Hartsville, SC; daughters, Teri W. Copeland Melton of Hartsville, SC Rosemarie W. Sansbury of Hartsville, SC; sister, Emily Kinsella of Toms River, NJ; grandchildren, Chris Wacker, Crystal Abbott, Jason Sansbury, Jennifer S. Rangel, Jessica Sansbury, Ron Copeland, Jr., Tonya Copeland Little, Randy Copeland, Robbie

Copeland; 9 great-grandchildren; several nieces and Nephews. He was preceded in death by his first wife, Mary Gloss; brothers, George Wacker, Charles Wacker; sister, Dorothea Wacker, Elsie W. Cicero. Condolences may be expressed to the family at our website www.bpafuneralhome.com

Tribute Wall



“ To the family, I would like to express my deepest sympathy to all of you. Mr. Wacker would brighten my nights everytime he would walk through the door to get coffee or a sweet before going to work. The little time I knew him I found a man of wisdom and generosity. I am thankful that I had a chance to meet such a wonderful person that could brighten any day with a laugh and wonderful stories of his family. My prayers will be with you in this time.##imported-begin##Deborah Kelley, Markette Store##imported-end##

November 11, 2004 at 12:13 AM



“ Dear Rusty, I am deeply saddened to hear of the loss of your Father. I wanted to let you, Peggy, and the rest of the family know that you are in my thoughts and prayers during this difficult time. May God bless you, and keep you, and embrace you in his loving arms. Sincerely, Hal Oliver##imported-begin##Hal Oliver (CPRMC)##imported-end##

November 06, 2004 at 09:58 PM



“ Dear everyone: SO SORRY WE COULD NOT BE THERE FOR THE SERVICE. YOU ARE ALWAYS IN OUR HEARTS AND PRAYERS. DAD WILL BE AT PEACE NOW WITH NO MORE PAIN AND SUFFERING. HE'LL BE UP THERE WITH CHARLIE GETTING INTO WHO KNOWS WHAT TROUBLE. LOVE YOU ALL GURT##imported-begin##Anneliese McKeown##imported-end##

November 05, 2004 at 10:28 AM



“ Teri,Rosie,Rusty,Betty and [family,]

We are very sorry for your loss. He was a super guy and will always be remembered for being the best played Santa Clause around. He loved children and everyone.

Rejoicing with you each one of you that he made preparation beforehand to go to heaven. Now,he is with your mom and all those who have gone on before him. And,I am sure he is watching and waiting for those who have not yet made a decision to follow Christ. Yes, Jesus is the only way to heaven. He is the way the truth and the life. What a day of rejoicing it is when other's come into the fold and become involved in the church.

One of my favorite Hymn's is: It Is Well With My Soul.

*With love and prayers to you all,
Nora Lee and Tommy###imported-begin##Nora Lee Copeland
##imported-end##*

November 04, 2004 at 08:38 PM



“ *With deepest sorrow for a beloved Uncle! My Prayers are with you all at this time of need! An Angel to watch over us and guide us!###imported-begin##Suzanne M. Cicero (Suzie Q - Bayonne, NJ)##imported-end##*

November 04, 2004 at 08:26 AM



“ Russ & Family,

My deepest commiseration on the loss of a fine man. I will keep you all in my prayers.##imported-begin##Darrell Watkins##imported-end##

November 04, 2004 at 05:57 AM



“ We were sorry to hear about your loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with your family during this time. Marty, David, Frankie, Dani, Lisa & Haley##imported-begin##Driggers & Moyd##imported-end##

November 03, 2004 at 08:32 AM



“ My Dad was a one hundred percent American. I was very grateful for having him so close to me these past four (4) years. Dad being in the service and through three (3) wars, he totally deserved the twenty-one (21) gun salute with taps.
Thank you very much, my wishes have been granted.##imported-begin##Russell A. Wacker Jr. A.F.M.##imported-end##

November 03, 2004 at 12:27 AM