



## Walter Gaston Harkey,

May 18, 2016

Walter Gaston Harkey, Sr., of Albemarle passed away Wednesday, May 18, 2016 at Trinity Place. His funeral service will be graveside at 2 PM Friday, May 20, 2016 in Fairview Memorial Park with Rev. Tony Allen officiating. The family will receive from 12:00 Noon until 1:30 at Stanly Funeral and Cremation Care in Albemarle.

Born November 15, 1918 in Stanly County, NC he was the son of the late Fred Gaines Harkey and Myrtle Snuggs Harkey and was a retired Captain with the Albemarle Fire Department. Mr. Harkey was of the Baptist Faith and was a veteran of the 5th Army Medical Detachment during WWII serving in North Africa and Italy. He was one of the cofounders of Harmancos.

Mr. Harkey was preceded in death by his wife Betty Chandler Harkey. Survivors include two sons Walter G. Harkey Jr. and wife Gay of Norwood, Kent C. Harkey and wife Edna of Albemarle, 4 grandchildren W. Gaston Harkey III and wife Shannon, Katie Harkey Hinson and husband Dane, Chandler R. Harkey and wife Natalie, and Anna Christian Harkey, as well as 3 great-grandchildren Evan Marcus Hinson, Jace Walter Hinson, and Ransom Clifford Harkey.

In keeping with Mr. Harkey's longstanding breakfast routine, in lieu of memorials the family requests that you invite a friend or firefighter to breakfast.

# Tribute Wall

WH

“ *It sure was nice. I remember those days. Thank you.*

Walt and Gay Harkey - May 20, 2016 at 08:44 PM

SC

“ *To Walter Junior and family, please know you're in my prayers. I remember the family from attending North Albemarle Baptist Church, back in the 50s and 60s. May the peace of the Lord which goes beyond all understanding be with you always.*

Stephen Cooper - May 20, 2016 at 03:23 PM

RA

“ *On behalf of the Uwharrie Players, our heartfelt condolences to Mr. Harkey's family, and especially to our long-time volunteers, Kent Harkey and Edna Lipe Harkey. We share the pride of our community with Walt's service to our country and our community. He will be long remembered, and his memory cherished.*

Rod Almond - May 20, 2016 at 12:10 PM

RS

“ *Walt,  
Our hearts go out to you and your family. You are in our prayers. I am sorry I never got to meet him but Ruff said your Dad was a great man. He had sacrificed a lot in his life, with service in the military, and being a fireman. He will be greatly missed. He had a wonderful family. May God bless you and give you a peace that passes all understanding. You will see him again one day in the sweet by and by.*

Rufus & Debbie Spivey - May 19, 2016 at 04:21 PM

DP

“ *Kent, thinking of you and your family. So sorry!*

Debbie and Randy Poplin - May 19, 2016 at 10:37 AM

SO

“ *The entire Albemarle Fire Department thanks Captain Harkey for his dedication to the citizens of Albemarle. His impact on our department will be felt for years to come.*

Shawn Oke - May 19, 2016 at 09:14 AM

CH

“ Wishing you peace to bring comfort, courage to face the days ahead and loving memories to forever hold in your hearts.

Cathy Holland - May 19, 2016 at 07:20 AM

BE

“ Walter was such a beloved friend and neighbor to have. He always went out of his way for others, especially those who couldn't get around very well. He will always be remembered for great Wit!

Bill Eller - May 19, 2016 at 01:33 AM

NS

“ My Prayers and thoughts are with the Harkey Family. Especially you, Little Walt, a childhood friend and neighbor.

Nelson Smith - May 18, 2016 at 11:28 PM

AB

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you all ! I loved Walt and most of all I loved all the arguing we did !! He will be terribly missed !

Alan and Gail Burris - May 18, 2016 at 09:41 PM

CH

“ Walt, Gay, Gaston, Shannon, Katie and Dane,

Walt Sr. Was a great man and will be truly missed he was a wonderful man and an a pleasure to talk too. Always an inspiration.

Chad and Heather Howell - May 18, 2016 at 07:02 PM

DM

“ Walt was a great public servant to our country the people of Albemarle.

With all our sympathy,

David and Mellanie Morgan  
Albemarle, North Carolina

David and Mellanie Morgan - May 18, 2016 at 05:25 PM