



## Olan Rhodes Goodnight

November 20, 1922 - May 19, 2015

Olan Rhodes Goodnight, 92, of Mooresville, passed away on Tuesday, May 19, 2015 at Sherrills Ford Hospice House.

He was born on November 20, 1922 in Lincoln County, to the late James L. Goodnight and Mary Rhyne Goodnight. Mr. Goodnight was a veteran serving in the US Navy, where he served in the Pacific and Atlantic Ocean. He retired as Vice President and General Manager of PYA/Monarch in Charlotte. Mr. Goodnight attended Appalachian State University and was still involved. He was former president of NC Restaurant Association and a member of the Lion's Club. Mr. Goodnight was a major founder of the Culinary Arts Show. He was a member of Williamson's Chapel United Methodist Church in Mooresville. His customers, employees, associates and friends will remember him as an honest, fair and caring person who placed their interest above his own. Olan enjoyed traveling and vacationing with family, he had visited all fifty states and several foreign countries. He also enjoyed golfing and playing bridge but most of all his greatest love was being with family and friends.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by sisters, Unice Berry, Essie White, Ruth Goodnight; and brothers, Howard, Joe, JC, and Neil Goodnight.

Mr. Goodnight is survived by his wife, Eleene Osborne Goodnight; children,

Deborah "Debbie" Nuckles and husband, Jerry of Wytheville, VA, Olan "Sonny" Goodnight, Jr. and wife, Patti of Mooresville, James "Tommy" Goodnight and wife, Pam of Lincolnton; and grandchildren, Brian Thomas, Catherine Stewart and husband, Mark, Elizabeth Goodnight, Sam Goodnight, Allison Goodnight, Abbie Goodnight; great grandson, Mason Stewart; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be held at 1:00 PM on Saturday, May 23 at Williamson's Chapel United Methodist Church with Rev. Jan Brittain and Rev. Mark Pitts officiating. Burial will follow the service in the church cemetery. The family will receive friends following the committal service in the church fellowship hall.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Williamson's Chapel UMC Building Fund, 575 Brawley School Rd, Mooresville, NC 28117 and/or Sherrill Ford Hospice House, 7473 Sherrills Ford Rd, Sherrills Ford, NC 28673.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Olan Rhodes Goodnight*

February 14, 2021 at 11:24 AM



“ *Olan Rhodes Goodnight*

February 14, 2021 at 11:04 AM



“ *Olan Rhodes Goodnight*

February 14, 2021 at 11:03 AM



“ *To the family - I am Dan Blair and I put an entry on Mr. Goodnight's guest log - I just noticed EDWARD COWAN has an entry - ED is from my home town - Lowell and a few years older than I - his Father, Henry and my Mother, Ola Monteith Blair were distant cousins - had not seen Ed is years but knew he was in Washington - he, like Olin was a fine man and honest folks and great to have done business with - know Doris V. very well - Thanks for reading and May God Bless!!*

**Dan Blair** - June 19, 2016 at 12:00 AM

EC

“ I am saddened by the passing of my special friend, Olin. Our friendship goes back, like forever. We were in the Navy together in 1943-44. We rode the train together from New York to Gastonia and back several times. We both attended the USS Bates reunion many times. I thought Olin was a very special, unique man. He was the happiest, positive, and most enthusiastic man I have ever know. I loved being around him. I valued his friendship. What a fantastic life he had. It is with a heavy heart that I say goodbye to Olin, a truly outstanding man and my dear friend.

Edward Cowan - August 18, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JR

“ I have many fond memories of working with Olan at PYA/Monarch in Charlotte. He was by far the best boss anyone could hope for. One of the "giants" gone and will be sadly missed.

John Rakityan - May 21, 2015 at 12:00 AM

EF

“ Dearest Goodnight Family, Our thoughts and prayers are with each of you during this time. We are so thankful for the friendship we have shared with your precious family for a long time, and we cherish all the memories. Mr. Olan was quiet a gentleman that we loved being with. He will be missed by us all.

Erby Howard Family - May 21, 2015 at 12:00 AM



“ Goodnight Family As our neighbor for a lot of years we came know Olan and appreciate his "Witt " and Humor. Told me when he sold his house, "just got tired of cutting the bushes", and as I get older can appreciate. Good people are always missed, and know he will be at the top of that list. Paul & Kathy Callaway

May 21, 2015 at 12:00 AM



*“ Olan and Eleene Goodnight, along with my parents, enjoyed so many good times in Newton, North Carolina. My two brothers and I are saddened to hear about Olan's passing. May cherished memories bring comfort and peace to the Goodnight Family. Our thoughts and prayers are with you, Susan (Bandy) Simmons Blacksburg, Virginia Bob Bandy Little River, South Carolina Charles Bandy Conover, North Carolina*

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May 21, 2015 at 12:00 AM



*“ Dear Goodnight Family, May God hold and comfort you during this difficult time. Mr. Goodnight was truly a wonderful, caring, loving and amazing man. We will always remember his kindness, his warm smile, and his beautiful spirit. Our thoughts and prayers are with you. Ann, Howard and Brooke Nivens*

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May 21, 2015 at 12:00 AM



*“ Your Dad was a special man and along with your mother, raised their children with the same beliefs and values. You will have fond memories to hold in your hearts forever. It was an honor to know both of your parents.*

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**Susan Craig** - May 21, 2015 at 12:00 AM

SG

“ *Eleane & Family, Words do not permit me to express my sincere condolence on Olan's passing. Your and the family's loss is a welcomed reception in that house not made with hands eternal in heaven. I have always held Olan in high respect and he was always a perfect gentleman. Please remember that our thoughts and prayers are with you and family during this distressful time. May God bless and comfort you as you continue life's journey. Affectionately - Selmer Garland*

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**Selmer Garland** - May 21, 2015 at 12:00 AM



“ *To The Goodnight Family, Grief can be so hard, at this difficult time, but our special memories of our love one help us cope. Also the love of family and friends can help carry you through your grief. With Deepest Sympathy, Ms. Flonnie Taylor Wilson, North carolina*

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May 21, 2015 at 12:00 AM



“ *So sorry to hear about Olan. Enjoyed working for him and know he will be missed. The family are in My thoughts and prayers. Patsy King*

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May 21, 2015 at 12:00 AM

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“ *I am so sorry for your loss, may the God who " Binds up the broken hearts " and " comforts all who mourns " sustain you during this difficult time ( Isaiah 61 : 2 ).*

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“ *Condolences to the Goodnight family. May the love of family and friends sustain you during this time of pain and sadness. John 5: 25-29*

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May 21, 2015 at 12:00 AM



“ *As a young person growing up in Lowell, we were customers of Goodnight Brothers and their employees (including the Burleson Boys, Lonnie Bryson) were some of the finest persons one would wish to have known. At 83, I extend my best to the family and still cherish their honest way of providing top of the line products to our grocery May the Lord continue to bless all of you all.*

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**Dan Blair** - May 20, 2015 at 12:00 AM