



Charles Edgar "Ed" Hennings

May 29, 1934 - January 21, 2021

Charles Edgar (Ed) Hennings died January 21, 2021 at his home, following a long battle with Parkinson's Dementia. He was born on May 29, 1934, in Yadkin County to Emma Sophronia Binkley Hennings and Henry Thomas (Tom) Hennings.

He is survived by his wife of 66 years, Mary Anna (Ann) Routh Hennings; his 3 children: Ed Hennings and wife Debbie of Greensboro; Ellen H. Nesbit and husband Stuart of Virginia Beach, VA; and Steven Hennings and wife Andrea of Greensboro; and his three grandchildren: Ashley Hennings of Greensboro, Brad Hennings of Greensboro, and Emma Nesbit of Virginia Beach. A great grandson is due in May. Ed is also survived by his brother George Hennings and wife Bonnie of East Bend. He was preceded in death by his sister, Helen Simmons and husband, Carroll, of Winston-Salem; sister, Earlene Speas and husband Mel of East Bend, NC.

Ed was a US Army veteran, a 40-year employee of Sears Roebuck with assignments in Winston-Salem; Danville, VA; Greensboro; Atlanta, GA; and High Point. He was involved in Scouting for over 40 years, Scoutmaster of Troop 160 at Centenary UMC for 6 years, recipient of a Scouters Key, District Award of Merit and the Silver Beaver, the highest award given by the local council. In 2008, a cooking demonstration building was built and dedicated at Camp Cherokee in honor of Ed and in memory of Charles Benbow. A long-time member of Centenary United Methodist Church of Greensboro, he held almost every leadership role in the church and was known as the fix-it person and was a member of the chancel choir for more than forty years. In 1996 he was selected as lay person of the year for both Centenary and the Greensboro District of the United Methodist Church. A lifelong woodworker, he made more than 15,000 comfort crosses out of cedar, all of which were given away, mainly through the church. As a member of the Greensboro Tarheel Chorus barbershop chorus, he was selected as Barbershopper of the Year in 2004.

His ashes will be installed in the columbarium at Centenary in a private service and his memorial service will be held at Centenary UMC on a later date when it is safe to gather. Memorials may be made to Centenary UMC, 2300 W. Friendly Ave., Greensboro, NC 27403.

The family would like to thank AuthoraCare Hospice for helping him to finish his life at home.

Forbis & Dick Guilford Chapel is serving the Hennings family. Online condolences may be offered at www.forbisanddick.com.

Comments



“ So sorry to learn of Mr Hennings passing. I was a scout for years with Troop 160 and I still have many fond memories and apply many of the lessons learned from those experiences in scouting today. My prayers to his family.

Ken Vogt - January 28 at 08:21 AM



“ I realize with this diagnosis your final days with Ed must have been difficult. When I learned of Ed's death, my mind went back in time. He was a wonderful man and so helpful in our group. I always thought of ya'll as a great couple who supported me and my efforts. I will always cherish ya'll and Steve. God bless your precious family. Hold onto your better memories. Love, Vickie Cook (Kivett)
Take care of each other now.

Vickie Cook - January 27 at 11:13 AM



“ I'm another scout who benefited from Mr. Hennings' leadership. His was a life well lived and a model to us all.

Paul Lewallen

Paul Lewallen - January 25 at 08:00 PM



“ So sorry to hear of Ed's passing. I worked with Ed as one of the Merchandise Assistances in the Greensboro Regional Office in the Sears Catalog building. Ed was a great guy and I always enjoyed our conversations. We were both Methodists and he was a great Christian. I am so sorry for your loss and your family is in our thoughts and prayers.

David Saunders

David Saunders - January 25 at 11:34 AM



“ Ed was just beginning his role in scouting at Troop 160 as I was aging out in the early '70's. He was also instrumental in getting their Brunswick stew fund raiser started. That legacy as well as my friendship with his son Ed lasts to this day. My condolences.

Jeff Yeattes - January 24 at 04:49 PM



“ In the Boy Scout world Ed was extremely active. He helped his two boys earning their rank of Eagle Scout. He became scoutmaster at troop 160. He helped train many leaders through the councils wood badge program. But at troop 160, Ed will always be known as the Brunswick Stew master. He made this their only fund raiser. They still use his secret recipe. Ed or Mr. Hennings you will be missed.

Alex Hurin - January 24 at 01:26 PM



“ My dad Bruce Woodell worked with Ed at Sears for several years before his passing in 1988. He became a friend of Ed and thought a lot of him.

Wayne Woodell - January 24 at 10:38 AM



“ Upon our first meeting of Ed, his gregarious nature was present! While putting together a metal cabinet his son, our neighbor, and grandson introduced us. His smile and kindness was contagious to be sure. There are no unimportant acts of kindness. Scouting has been a large part of our lives as well, which brings together a wondrous community. Lynne & Bo Broderius

Lynne Broderius - January 24 at 09:58 AM



“ Ed was a very kind, nice and helpful person. He did so much for so many through his leadership skills and his fine woodworking talents. My father-in-law introduced me to Ed many years ago as they were very good friends. I always appreciated Ed's upbeat personality and how he treated you like a life-long friend. The world sure needs more people like Ed, he will be missed. Kevin Matthews

Kevin Matthews - January 23 at 12:59 PM