

William Darrell Pope
SN(SS) Gold Crew Mid 70's
November 2, 1953 - June 3, 2011



Buried in Blue Ridge Memorial Park Cemetery in Lenoir, Caldwell Co., NC

William Darrell Pope, age 57, of Lenoir, NC passed away in his home on Friday, June 3, 2011. He was born November 2, 1953 in Caldwell County to the late Floyd James Pope and Lula Collins Pope. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by two brothers, Dewey L. Pope and David G. Pope; and two sisters, Diana P. Bost and Charlotte (Katie) P. West.

Darrell honorably served in the United States Navy aboard the USS Henry L. Stimson, a ballistic missile submarine warship. After serving in the Navy, he earned a law degree and practiced law in Caldwell County. He started his career with Todd, Vanderbloom & Respass. For a number of years, he was attorney for Caldwell County Social Services defending and representing abused children. He had his own law office until he was afflicted with blindness and could no longer work. He was a member of Hibriten Masonic Lodge # 262, York Rite and NC State Bar Association. In his early years, Darrell was of Baptist faith and more recently was a member of St. Marys Episcopal Church in Blowing Rock.

Survivors include three brothers, Floyd (Bub) Pope of Lenoir, Lonnie D. Pope and wife Reba of Granite Falls and Bradley E. Pope and wife Marcy of Brandon, South Dakota;

two sisters, Rachel P. Earley and husband Harold of Rutherford College and Bessie P. Rainey of Lenoir; and numerous nieces and nephews. Other survivors include his ex-wife, Sue Thompson Jones of England; long-time friend, companion and caretaker, Vickie Icenhour of Lenoir; and best friend, Mark Bradshaw of Lenoir. Following his wishes, Darrell's very best friend of 16 years, his dog, Becky, was euthanized and will be buried with him.

Memorial services will be held Wednesday, June 8, 2011 at 11:00 a.m. at Greer-McElveen Funeral Home Chapel conducted by Rev. Steve Butler. Interment will be private.

The family and friends wish to thank all the people from Caldwell Hospice and Palliative Care who lovingly gave themselves to the care of Darrell during his last days of life.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to: Caldwell Hospice and Palliative Care, 902 Kirkwood St., Lenoir, NC 28645.

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