

Donald Pierce Champion

Mr. Donald Pierce Champion, 79, of Salisbury, passed away Tuesday, March 31, 2020 at his home.

Born April 19, 1940 in Chase City, VA, he was the son of the late Roland Pierce Champion and Hazel Virginia Inge Champion.

Mr. Champion graduated from Bluestone High School, Skipwith, VA and served in the Army National Guard. He was employed for 32 years for Fermi National Accelerator Laboratory in Batavi, IL before retiring.

Mr. Champion was an active member of ORCA, The Old Reel Collectors Association, serving as their Librarian from 2007 to 2014. Mr. Champion was a member of the First United Methodist Church-Salisbury where he was a former usher.

In addition to his parents he was preceded in death by his brother, David Champion.

Those left to cherish his memory are his wife, Virginia "Ginny" Smotzer Champion; daughter, Susan Fouts and husband Steven of Delavan, WI; aunt, Gloria Matthews of Chase City, VA; grandchildren, Jeffrey Fouts and Bryanna Fouts; and numerous cousins.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the First United Methodist Church, 217 S. Church Street, Salisbury, NC 28144 or Rowan Helping Ministries, 226 N. Long St., Salisbury, NC 28144.



A SERVICE OF THANKSGIVING
FOR THE LIFE OF

Donald Pierce Champion

APRIL 19, 1940 - MARCH 31, 2020

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
SALISBURY, NORTH CAROLINA

The Order of Service

Friday, April 3, 2020

11:00 in the morning

GREETING

PRAYER *(in unison)*

○ Jesus Christ our risen Lord, you have gone before us in death.
Grant us the assurance of your presence,
that we who are anxious and fearful in the face of death
may confidently face the future,
in the knowledge that you have prepared a place for all who love you.
Comfort us who mourn; and give us grace,
in the presence of death, to worship you,
that we may have a sure hope of eternal life
and put our whole trust in your goodness and mercy. Amen.

PSALTER *(in unison)*

The Twenty-third Psalm

The Lord is my shepherd;
I shall not want.
He maketh me to lie down in green pastures;
he leadeth me beside the still waters.
He restoreth my soul;
he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.
Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I will fear no evil, for thou art with me;
thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.
Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies;
Thou anointest my head with oil;
my cup runneth over.
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life;
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

THE EPISTLE LESSON I Corinthians 13:1-8

THE HOLY GOSPEL John 14, selected verses

The Word of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God!

HOMILY

FAMILY REMEMBRANCES

THE LORD'S PRAYER *(in unison)*

○ Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power,
and the glory, forever. Amen.

COMMENDATION

DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING