



Ernest Clayton Ogle

May 31, 1923 - March 14, 2016

Ernest C. Ogle, 92, of Asheville, passed away peacefully on March 14, 2016 at the John F. Keever, Jr. Solace Center while surrounded by family and friends.

Ernest was born to Elsie and James Ogle on May 31, 1923 in Madison County, NC. He proudly served his country in the U.S. Army during WWII where he trained the Free French in northern Africa and participated in the liberation of Paris.

On August 31, 1951, Ernie married the love of his life, Betty Rector. Four years later, they gave birth to their beloved daughter, Debra. He retired from Deal Buick of Asheville after 47 years of service. Under his leadership as General Manager and Co-Owner, Deal was awarded numerous First-in-Class Awards, a designation reserved for top tier GM dealerships.

With a strong commitment to his community, Ernie was a member of many organizations including Central United Methodist Church, where he often served as greeter and usher, and the Country Club of Asheville, where he was an avid golfer and proud member of the "Chinese Bandits". He served on the Board of Directors of the Asheville Chapter of the American Red Cross; as President of the NC Automobile Dealers Association; and as President of Sales and Marketing Executives of Asheville.

Preceding him in death were his parents and his brothers, Rial Ogle of Asheville and Leonard Ogle of Greenville SC. Left to carry on his memory and legacy are his beloved wife, Betty, of 64 years; his daughter, Debra Ogle of Asheville; his sister, Doris Jones of Savannah GA; nephews, Ronnie (and Carolyn) Ogle of SC; Dale (and Barbara) Ogle of Asheville; David (and Roxetta) Stepp of Dayton OH; Howard McPeck of Indianapolis IN; and nieces, Mary (and Brad) Grant of Savannah GA; Ann Perry of Huntersville NC; Ramonda (and Larry) Thompson of Greenville SC; and Teresa Mauk of Florence KY.

The family will receive friends and loved ones Saturday, March 19, 2016, from 1:30-2:30 pm at Morris Funeral Home, 304 Merrimon Avenue. Funeral services will follow at 2:30 pm. Interment will immediately follow at Green Hills Cemetery. Rev. Dr. Robert M. Blackburn, Jr. and Rev. Amy Leachman of Central United Methodist Church will officiate.

Honorary pallbearers will be Ronnie and Dale Ogle, David Stepp, Larry Thompson, Clifford Longcoy, Echols Bradley, and Richard Walker.

The family offers a special thank you to Dr. Gregory Glance and staff of Carolina Internal Medicine; Dr. Meg Word-Sims and staff of Memorycare; the staff of Arbor Terrace of Asheville; and, the physicians and staff of the Solace Center for their loving care.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be sent to Memorycare, 100 Far Horizons Ln, Asheville NC, 28803.

This gentle giant of a man will be greatly missed.

Cemetery Details

Green Hills Cemetery

25 New Leicester Hwy.
Asheville, NC 28806

Previous Events

Family will Receive Friends

MAR 19. 1:30 PM - 2:30 PM (ET)

Morris Funeral & Cremation Care
304 Merrimon Ave.
Asheville, NC 28801
(828) 252-1821
info@morrisfamilycare.com
<http://www.morrisfamilycare.com>

Funeral Service

MAR 19. 2:30 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ Ernest Clayton Ogle

October 07, 2023 at 11:15 AM



“ I am very sorry to hear of the loss of, Mr. Ogle. He was a very faithful and dedicated man, married for 64 years! I won't pretend to know what you're going through, but what has helped me deal with the loss of those I love is turning to the Scriptures, something that has been a real source of comfort. One Scripture that gives me hope is, John 11:25, which says, " Jesus said to her: "I am the resurrection and the life. The one who exercises faith in me, even though he dies, will come to life." I hope that this verse will also comfort you and, I hope you and your family can get through this difficult time. Please accept my condolences for the loss of your beloved husband, father and friend. Sincerely, Meryl

Meryl - March 19, 2016 at 01:13 PM



“ My prayers and sympathy go to the family of Mr Ogle. He was always an inspiration to everyone who know him and will be missed by all.

Neil Thagard
Neil K's Hairstyling
Asheville NC

Neil Thagard - March 18, 2016 at 07:49 PM

ML

“ Ernest was such a gentleman and gentle man, who made me smile and feel better just by occupying the same space. I will always remember his kindness and constant example of graciousness under all circumstances. I learned to be a better person from Ernest Ogle.....Margret Lollis

Margret Lollis - March 18, 2016 at 07:19 AM

BM

“ To our "Uncle" Ernie, I did not get to see you enough, but I remember you so kindly and happily, loving and supportive of all around you. Though I am nine hours away in Northern Ohio, my thoughts and prayers are with you and our family through this great loss. I know now that you are greeting our Uncle Bill, and our Granddaddy, among others, in the most Heavenly of places. <3 My love, Brianna (Brie) Mauk

Brianna Mauk - March 17, 2016 at 05:45 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Ernest Clayton Ogle.



March 17, 2016 at 02:13 PM

JP

“ A Good Man,,,,,,now safely home,,his work on earth is done...we in the automobile Industry remember him well...I knew him from when I worked at Skyland Olds.when we was downtown...Cherish his memories,as I know you will,,they are forever...

Jean Parham

Jean Parham - March 16, 2016 at 02:13 PM

EB

Ernie was a great friend and we shared a lot of life together. He and Betty were great travel companions. We think of the many trips to Augusta to view the Masters Golf tournament, as well as many other golf outings to Hilton Head .

The picking and choosing of restaurants sharing good food , funny stories the teasing of one another and the full enjoyment of life in general.

Betty and Debra, we send our love and share in your loss and grief. May God Bless you both. Much Love, Eckel & Rita Bradley

Eckel & Rita Bradley - March 17, 2016 at 10:12 PM

MW

Betty and Debra, so sorry to learn of the passing of Ernie. He, Berry and I had many great visits over the years. Shared many happy times and some sad times. He was a "GOOD MAN" , a good Husband and Father. Debra you are blessed to have parents who love and loved you so much. Ernie was my friend and for that I am grateful! Love you all. Sorry I was unable to attend Ernie's services. Love you. Marie Whitener

Marie Whitener - March 21, 2016 at 09:28 AM

BD

“ *Betty and Debra purchased the Tropical Tribute S
pray for the family of Ernest Clayton Ogle.*



Betty and Debra - March 15, 2016 at 11:20 AM