

Hubbard, Lewis Edwin 1926 - 2008

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Lewis Edwin Hubbard, 82, of Winston-Salem, passed from this life Saturday evening, April 5, 2008, in the Palliative Care Unit of Wake Forest University Baptist Medical Center.

Lewis was born Feb. 11, 1926, on the family farm in Stedman, the son of Willie James and Carrie Williams Hubbard, the seventh of 12 children. After his graduation from Stedman High School in 1942, Lewis married the former Emma Cleveland Brown, and the couple embarked on a lifetime partnership of entrepreneurship and service. After brief stints farming and working with the Veterans Administration, Lewis moved to Winston-Salem in 1946 and founded Hubbard Real Estate Co. He worked part-time at the Zinzendorf Hotel for the use of a desk and a telephone. The real estate industry became Lewis' second great love, and he engaged himself in every aspect.

Over the following 58 years, Lewis sought associates and partners who possessed integrity, ambition and ability. He established firms engaged in real estate brokerage, residential and commercial land development, insurance, construction, construction lending, property management and building supplies throughout the area.

Lewis' personal, civic and professional commitments have included service on the boards of trustees of Fairview Moravian Church, Salemtowne Retirement Community and the Moravian Theological Seminary in Bethlehem, Pa.; as a director of the city boards of North Carolina National Bank and Lexington State Bank, the Better Business Bureau, the Consumer Credit Counseling Service, the N.C. Association of Realtors, the Salvation Army and the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. Lewis was a past president of the Winston-Salem Board of Realtors and the Multiple Listing Service. He was honored as Realtor of the Year, an inaugural member of the Thomas A. Lambe Hall of Fame, and a recipient of the A.R. Tuttle Memorial Award and the Lifetime Achievement Award from the Winston-Salem Homebuilders Association.

He also served on the Board of Presidential Advisors of Campbell University, which honored him on May 13, 1996, as the recipient of the Algernon Sydney Sullivan Award. Lewis' dear friend and president of the University, Dr. Norman Wiggins, presented the honor with these words: "Algernon Sydney Sullivan was described by a friend as one who reached out both hands in constant helpfulness to men. It is therefore fitting and with great pride that Campbell University bestows the 1996 Algernon Sydney Sullivan Award upon a man who exemplifies the same high ideals, Lewis E. Hubbard."

Well done, my son; come home now to the Lord.

Lewis is survived by his loving wife of 63 years, Emma; four sisters, Betty Kate Carroll of Fayetteville, Orretta Honeycutt of Godwin, Florence Dowd and husband Bill of Fayetteville, and Janice Mobley of Stedman; three children, Lewis E. Hubbard Jr. and wife Diane of Advance, Bruce R. Hubbard and wife Marsie of Winston-Salem, and Beverly H. Godfrey and husband Brant of Clemmons; six grandchildren, William A. Hubbard and wife Heather, Matthew J. Hubbard and wife Meghan, Mary H. Lischke and husband Jonathan, Elizabeth R. Hubbard, Brant H. Godfrey Jr. and John-Lewis H. Godfrey; and three great-grandchildren, Haley M. Hubbard, Joshua C. Hubbard and Sydney M. Hubbard.

The family will receive friends from 6 to 8 Tuesday evening, April 8, 2008, at Salem Funeral and Cremation Services. The funeral service will be held at 2 Wednesday afternoon, April 9, 2008, at New Philadelphia Moravian Church, 4440 Country Club Road, followed by a graveside service at Salem Moravian Graveyard.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Fairview Moravian Church, 6550 Silas Creek Parkway, Winston-Salem, NC 27106; or to the Salvation Army, P.O. Box 1205, Winston-Salem, NC 27102.

Services entrusted to Salem Funeral & Cremation Services of Winston-Salem.