



Richard Albin Fast

January 30, 1933 - November 3, 2001

Richard Albin Fast, “The Old Soldier”, loving dad, brother and friend to many, left this life in the presence of those who returned his love. His battle is over. His struggles are finished. His faith has carried him home.

The son of Albin G. Fast and Helen (Brooks) Fast, was born January 30, 1933 in Charlotte, Michigan. Richard, commonly known as Dick, graduated from Charlotte High School in 1951. Following in the footsteps of his grandfather, Homer Brooks, and father, Albin Fast, he apprenticed in the Masonry Trade, receiving his Journeyman’s card in the International Union of Bricklayers and Allied Craftworkers. Dick was an accomplished and master stone and brick mason, a craftsman who took pride and perfection in his work. In May 2001, Dick was recognized for fifty years of service to his trade. He was founder and co-owner of Fast Masonry Systems; a masonry support supply company, that sold the product invented and patented by himself in his early retirement years. Dick loved to travel and his adventures often led him to Florida, Texas and New Mexico. He was also a long time member of Eagles Aerie 3552 of Charlotte. His family, his friends, and his puppy dogs were the heart of his life. He leaves behind his “girls”, daughters, Sherri (Randy) Crandell, Micki Smith, Kim Fast and Tracy Symonds; grandchildren, Chad, Nicole, Jeromi, Jared, Tyler, Kate, Ryan, and Emily; great-grandchildren, Natalie, Cole, Evan and Nolan; brothers, Dennis (Sandy) Fast and Douglas (Missy) Fast; childhood partners in crime and lifetime friends, Darrell Hicks and Ken Sherman; loving cousin, Marilyn Smith; and several other cousins, nieces, nephews and

friends.

Funeral services will be 2:00 p.m. Tuesday, November 6, 2001 at Pray Funeral Home in Charlotte, with Rev. George Fleming officiating. Interment will be in Maple Hill Cemetery in Charlotte. Visitation will be Monday, 3-5:00 p.m. and 7-9:00 p.m. Memorial contributions may be made to the Charlotte Public Library or Hayes Green Beach Memorial Hospital, Charlotte. The family is in the care of Pray Funeral Home, Charlotte.