

Thomas W. Harwell April 25, 1936 - September 25, 2016

Thomas W. Harwell, 80 years old, passed away on September 25, 2016.

A service in celebration of his life will be held at 2 pm on Saturday, October 1, 2016 at St. Timothy's Episcopal Church, 107 Louis Street, Greenville, NC. The family will receive friends Friday from 6 – 8 pm at Wilkerson Funeral Home.

Tom was born in Dothan, AL on April 25, 1936 to Jesse and Ruth Farmer Harwell. He graduated from Auburn University with a degree in civil engineering and served in the U.S. Navy Civil Engineer Corps for 21 years. In 1969 he moved to Greenville to work with a local engineering firm and later formed his own firm, Carolina Benchmark. Along with other projects, he was town engineer for the Town of Winterville for over 25 years. He also served as the Pitt County representative and past chairman of the board of the Mid East Housing Authority.

He was active in civil affairs and organizations in Greenville, including the Greenville Rotary Club. Tom was a lifelong learner and a collector of licenses. He was a long time member of St. Timothy's Episcopal Church where he had served on the Vestry and was a founding member of the St. Timothy's Chapter of the Brotherhood of St. Andrews.

Tom is survived by his wife of 49 years, Bitsie; son, Tom Harwell, Jr. and wife, Rachel, of Birmingham, AL; daughter, Helen Ruth Harwell, and close friend, Morris Caddell, Jr. of Charlotte, NC; and grandchildren, Austin, Caleb, and Taylor Harwell of Birmingham.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to St. Timothy's Episcopal Church, 107 Louis Street, Greenville, NC 27858 or a charity of your choice.