

Joseph L. Cooke, Jr.

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Joseph Leonard "J.L." Cooke Jr., 84, of Lassiter Road, Four Oaks, died Monday night at his home.

He was born Feb. 7, 1920, in Johnston County to the late Joseph Leonard Cooke Sr. and Mary Stephenson Cooke. He worked for 18 years with Hook and Layne Tire Company and after that with Johnston County Tax Supervisor's Office in charge of the business property tax.

Mr. Cooke served in the South Pacific during World War II where he was awarded the Purple Heart and Bronze Star. He was a charter member of the Disabled American Veterans Johnston County Unit 44, as well as the American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars. He served Hopewell FWB Church since 1958, serving as deacon, Sunday school superintendent, Sunday school teacher and member of the finance committee.

Funeral services will be held Thursday at 11 a.m. at Minshew Funeral Home Chapel. Burial will follow at Hills of the Neuse Memory Gardens.

Survivors include his wife, Mary Lois Cooke; daughters, Gail Massengill and husband David, and Janet D. Cooke, all of Four Oaks; a son, Robert J. Cooke and wife Becky of Jamestown; a sister, Floy Langdon and husband Rudolph of Four Oaks; a brother, Roy E. Cooke and wife Peggy of Eugene, Ore.; four grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

The family will receive friends tonight from 7 to 9 at Minshew Funeral Home.

Walter Rufus Norris

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ERWIN -- Walter Rufus Norris, 72, of 111 Fourth St. died Monday in his home. He was a Navy veteran of World War II and the Korean War. The funeral will be conducted at 3 p.m. today in East Erwin Baptist Church by the Revs. Charles Young and Ron Byrd. Burial will be in the Ryals family cemetery. Arrangements are being handled by Price Funeral Home.

Mr. Norris is survived by his wife, Reva R. Norris of the home; three sons, Jerry Norris and Michael Norris, both of Newberry, Fla., and Walter H. Norris of Erwin; three daughters, Donna Hair of Linden, Teresa Silvas of Angier and Cami Viganas of Erwin; three sisters, Shirley Pahl of Hebo, Ore., Evelyn Small of Clayton and Ruth Temple of Erwin; 15 grandchildren; and 14 great-grandchildren.

The family will receive friends at the home. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society, 407 Ray Ave., Fayetteville, N.C. 28301, or to Hospice of Harnett County, 111-A Ellis Ave., Dunn, N.C. 28334.