Allen Draughon

WARSAW — Allen Wells Draughon Jr., born Feb. 18, 1927, died peacefully on Christmas Eve, Dec. 24, 2015 at his home.

Born and raised in Warsaw, he was a graduate of Presbyterian College in Clinton, S.C. where he was a standout football quarterback and baseball pitcher. He served as head football coach and teacher at Warsaw High School from 1949 to 1952. He was the owner of Aubrey Cavenaugh Insurance Agency on Front Street in Warsaw until his retirement. He was a member of the Warsaw Presbyterian Church and served as a Deacon and Elder. He loved hunting and fishing and was the ultimate outdoorsman, often telling his boys and anyone else who would listen to them, stories of his past adventures with "Uncle Frank" growing up in Warsaw.

He was preceded in death by his beloved wife, "Polly" Baldwin Draughon; daughters, Allisa Draughon and Mary B. Draughon, sister, Janice Draughon Gaines; parents, Allen Wells Draughon Sr. and Blanche Rogers Draughon; and many fine bird dogs too numerous to name.

He is survived by sons, Steve Draughon and fiancé Donna Ellis of Warsaw, Stan Draughon and wife Kaywood Draughon of Kenansville; grandchildren, Polly Parker and husband Dewayne Parker of Wallace, Stephanie Jones and husband Casey Jones of Surf City, Clay Draughon and Colin Draughon of Kenansville; and five great-grandchildren. He is also survived by his beloved dog, TJ. The family would also like to thank a very special caregiver, Heather Melton. The family will honor him at a graveside service at 2 p.m. Monday, Dec. 28, on Pinecrest Cemetery in Warsaw. The family will receive friends immediately after at the graveside at the Warsaw Presbyterian Church Fellowship Hall, 203 E. Hill St., Warsaw.

In lieu of flowers contributions may be made to the Captain Purcell & Helen Jones Endowment Fund at the Core Sound Waterfowl Museum, 1785 Island Road, Harkers Island, NC 28531.

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