



## *C.A. Frye*

**December 3, 1927 - July 31, 2016**

**Resided in Hickory, NC**

### **Obituary**

Mr. C.A. Frye, 88, of Hickory, passed away Sunday, July 31, 2016 at Catawba Reginal Hospice in Newton.

Mr. Frye was born December 3, 1927 in Asheboro, N.C. to the late Gurney and Etta Mae Parks Frye. In addition to his parents he was preceded in death by his wife of 63 years, Bea Owens Frye.

He was a graduate of Asheboro High School, Lenoir-Rhyne University and received his master's degree from the University of North Carolina. He double lettered at Lenoir-Rhyne playing both football and baseball and was inducted into the schools Hall of Fame in 1994. He played semi-professional baseball for the Hickory Rebels and the Bur-Gray Bees. Mr. Frye went on to coach for 39 years at, Pfeiffer College, Troy High School, Burlington Williams High School, Gibsonville High School and Statesville High School. He also coached in the North South Boys Home All Star game and East West All Star game and the Shrine Bowl.

He is survived by his daughter, Cathy Simmons and husband Ken, his son, Steve Frye and wife Jill. Also surviving are his grandchildren; Justin Simmons and wife Ellie, Ashley Blinson and husband Ryan, Ryan Simmons and wife Krystal, Gait Frye and wife Rebekah, Emma Frye and Patrick Callnin, great grandchildren; Colin Blinson, Bodie Simmons, Holt Simmons and Maggie Bea Frye, sister, Virginia Bumgarner, brother, Charles Frye.

He was a loving husband, father, grandfather and great grandfather who always had a smile on his face and a joke up his sleeve.

The family will receive friends Tuesday, August 2, from 6:00 – 8:00 PM at Bass-

Smith Funeral Home.

The funeral service will be held at Mt. Olive Lutheran Church at 10:00 AM on Wednesday, August 3 with the Rev. Scott Duncan Jr. officiating. Burial will follow at Sandy Creek Cemetery in Tyro, N.C.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the C.A. '51 Frye Scholarship Fund, c/o Lenoir Rhyne University, 625 7th Ave., NE, Hickory, NC 28601.

Bass-Smith Funeral Home & Crematory is serving the family