

Madison McClung (Mc) Sterrett, Jr.

Madison McClung (Mc) Sterrett, Jr., 87, died on Wednesday, February 27, 2013 at the Benjamin Borden Health Center at Kendal of Lexington. Mr. Sterrett was born in Lexington, Virginia on November 10, 1925, the son of the late Madison McClung Sterrett, Sr. and Edna Watkins Morton Sterrett. He moved with his family to Brownsburg when he was two years old, and graduated from Brownsburg High School in 1943.

Mr. Sterrett was a life-long farmer. He and his father owned and operated M. M. Sterrett & Son Dairy, and he was an active member of the Virginia State Dairymen's Association. When Sterrett's Dairy closed in 1986, Mr. Sterrett continued as a beef cattle farmer until his retirement. In 2007, he was presented with the Conservationist of the Year Award by the Natural Bridge Soil and Water Conservation District for his many years of conservation practices such as strip cropping, crop rotations, winter cover crops, crop residue management, tree planting on steeper acreages, and fencing to protect water sources and woodlands.

Mr. Sterrett was a member of New Providence Presbyterian Church in Raphine where he had served as an Elder, Clerk of Session, and Trustee. He sang in the New Providence choir for more than 65 years.

He was also very active in the community. Mr. Sterrett served on the Board of Directors at the Rockbridge Farmers Co-op for 30 years, including nine years as Chairman of the Board. For many years, he was on the Board of Directors at the Bank of Rockbridge, and served as Chairman of the Board for a period of ten years through the bank's merger with OneValley Bank and later BB&T. He was a long-time member of the Brownsburg Ruritan Club, and received his 65-year pin in 2009. Mr. Sterrett served several terms as a Director of the Natural Bridge Soil and Water Conservation District.

Mr. Sterrett was preceded in death by his first wife, Annamarye Lackey Sterrett. He is survived by his second wife, Louise Martin Doyle Sterrett; two daughters, Isabelle Chewning (and her husband Barry) of Raphine, and Agnes Sterrett of Fairfax, VA; one sister, Mary Lipscomb of Harrisonburg, VA; and numerous nieces and nephews.

The funeral was held on Saturday, March 2 at New Providence Presbyterian Church with the Rev. Keith Cornfield officiating. The family suggests memorial contributions be made to the New Providence Presbyterian Church Organ Refurbishment Fund, 1208 New Providence Road, Raphine, VA 24472; or to the Kendal Fellowship Fund, 160 Kendal Drive, Lexington, VA 24450.

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