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Mr. Vinnis Perry Toney, age 83, of Charlotte, North Carolina, passed away on Sunday, May 8, 2005. Mr. Toney was born February 27, 1922 in Houston County, to the late William T. and Ida Leonard Toney and was raised in the rural farming community of Volga.

Mr. Toney worked for the WPA after graduating from high school in Winona, 1940. Later he joined the Army Air Corps. Mr. Toney met his wife during the beginning of his service while he was stationed at Morris Field in Charlotte. Mr. Toney served the remainder of his military service overseas during World War II. Following the armed services, he was a proud member of the Mecklenburg County Police Department.



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Mr. Toney left the police department to become a member of the United States Border Patrol, that meant that he could live and work again in his beloved Texas. After leaving the Border Patrol, he joined the North Carolina Department of Transportation as a compound analyst for highway construction.

Throughout the majority of his adult life, Mr. Toney had a love of fishing, boating, and amateur radio. Mr. Toney proudly served time with the Air Force MARS during the First Gulf War, relaying messages to family members state-side from soldiers overseas. He would stay awake all night to deliver as many messages as he could, receiving a commendation for his efforts from Gen. Norman Schwarzkopf. Additionally, he spent as much time as he could with the Civil Air Patrol and the United States Coast Guard Auxiliary. Mr. Toney worked with the Charlotte Mecklenburg Schools by presenting computer classes to the students of Derita Elemen-

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Mr. Toney had been a member of Midwood Baptist Church since Easter of 1953.

Mr. Toney was also an extremely proud member of the Sons of the Republic of Texas.

Since the death of his wife, he had been a resident of Huntersville Oaks Nursing Home. Mr. Toney spent many happy hours talking with his remaining brother and his sisters in Texas on the telephone. His older brother, Bill, recently made the trip from Austin to visit him.

Survivors include his daughters Patricia Moore and husband, Jimmy Moore, Sandra Stone and her husband James Stone, all of Charlotte; two grandsons Marty Miller and Marley Stegall and wife Tammy Stegall; granddaughter, Lori Stegall; two great grandsons, J.T. Stegall and Jacob Stegall; brother, W.T. Toney, Jr.; three sisters Helen Toney, Nelma Wilkinson, and Demp Toney, of Texas, and numerous nieces and nephews also in Texas.

Preceded in death by his wife of 62 years, Helena Borders Toney in August of 2003; oldest daughter, Beverly Miller, one year to the day on May 8, 2004; son-in-law Ronald Aldridge in March of 2004; and a brother Harvard Beeson Toney of Huntsville, on March 14, 1977.

A Service to Celebrate the Life of Vinnis Perry Toney was held Thursday, May 12, at 2:00 p.m. at McEwen Funeral Service - Charlotte Chapel with the Reverend Garry Baldwin and the Reverend Louis Pfeiffer, officiating. Interment followed at Sharon Memorial Park.