

Obituary for Retired Cary Fire Chief Ned Perry

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The following obituary was transmitted today from the North Carolina State Fireman's Association. Retired Cary Fire Chief and former Raleigh Fire Captain Ned Perry passed away on Sunday. I've had the pleasure of his acquaintance in recent years, and he was very helpful in providing historical information on the early days of the Raleigh Fireman's Club as well as the second iteration of the Raleigh Professional Fire Firefighters Association.

Plus, of course, his tenure in Cary, which began in October 1975. The fire department had one station, the lot for a second, and seventeen full-time and thirteen volunteer firefighters. When he retired in 1993, the department had grown to four fire stations, sixty-eight firefighters (all career), five fire prevention officers, three assistant chiefs, and a fire chief.

Here are a couple prior blog posts about him: the [transcription of an interview from 1999](#) and some trivia about the [CFD/RFD command connection](#).

Obituary

Ned Klapp Perry Sr., former Fire Chief of the Cary Fire Department, died on Sunday, October 26, 2014. He was 78 years old. Perry served as the Cary Fire Chief for eighteen years before retiring in 1993. He was born June 18, 1936, in Franklin County, NC. He was the fourth child of the late Jarvis W. Perry Sr. and Frances C. Perry. As a child he grew up with his parents in the Pearces Community in Franklin County.

Chief Perry was a thirty six-year veteran of the fire service and began his career in the Raleigh Fire Department in 1958. He was promoted through the ranks of the Raleigh Fire Department to the rank of Captain. In September 1975 he was appointed to the position of Fire Chief in Cary where he served until his retirement in 1993.

Perry's involvement in the fire service included President of the Raleigh Association of Fire Fighters, the North Carolina Association of Professional Fire Fighters, the Wake County Association of Fire Chiefs, the North Carolina Association of Fire Chiefs and he was a member and an officer of the Southeastern Association of Fire Chiefs and the International Association of Fire Chiefs. He also served as North Carolina's representative on the Southern Building Code Congress International.

Chief Perry is survived by his devoted wife of sixty years, Ava Cash Perry, his son Ned Klapp Perry Jr. and his wife Lisa Jennings Perry, granddaughters Adell Perry, Amanda Perry Hogge and her husband Brian all of Cary, NC, daughter Kim and her husband Bill Christian, grandsons Paul Christian and his wife Emily, Perry Christian and Alex Christian all of Chapel Hill, NC. He is also survived brothers Hal C. Perry of Zebulon, NC, June G. Perry and his wife Patsy of Wendell, NC, sister Lou P. Tippet and her husband Lyndo of Fayetteville, NC and sister-in-law Fran Perry of Pearces, NC. Mr. Perry was predeceased by his brother JW Perry, Jr. and his sister-in-law Menia Perry.

A memorial service for Ned Perry, Sr. will be held on Thursday, October 30, at 2:00 P.M. in the sanctuary at Greenwood Forest Baptist Church in Cary, NC. The internment service will be in the Columbarium at Greenwood Forest Baptist Church.

The family has requested that in lieu of flowers, memorials be made to the Frances C. Perry Memorial Education Fund at the Pearce Baptist Church, Route 3, and Box 132, Zebulon, N.C. 27597.

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