

Mr. Carlos Paul Surratt, age 78 of 118 Calvary Drive, Toast passed away peacefully surrounded by his family at Northern Hospital of Surry County Monday, June 21, 2010. Mr. Surratt was born in Surry County, January 12, 1932 to the late Paul Frank and Vergie Lou Spencer Surratt. (For a pedigree chart of his genealogy, [click here.](#)) He was an Eagle Scout, he graduated from Franklin High School in 1950 and earned his BA degree in English from the University of NC in Chapel Hill 1954. He earned his Masters Degree in counseling from Appalachian State Teachers College in 1956. He also studied at NC State University, The University of NC at Greensboro, and at Virginia Tech, and was an



honorary graduate of Surry Community College. A life long educator, Mr. Surratt began his teaching career at his alma mater, Franklin High School, where he taught and coached from 1954 until 1959. He was a member of the charter faculty of North Surry High School from 1959 to 1963, where he taught English and served as a counselor from 1964 to 1966. In 1966 he became a teacher and counselor at Surry Community College. The next year, Mr. Surratt became the Dean of the Evening Programs at Surry Community College and served in that position until 1994. In 1978, he received the Franklin Alumni Service Award. In 1981, he helped found the Surry County Genealogy Association. He was a member of Calvary Baptist Church. Surviving are his wife of 55 years, JoAnn Caudle Surratt of the home; three sons and daughters-in-law, Johnny and Paulette Surratt of Toast, Randy and Jane Surratt of Cana, and Richard Surratt of Winston-Salem; a daughter and son-in-law, Julie and Michael Warren of Mt. Airy; four grandchildren, Jacob and wife Casey Surratt of Matthews, Rebecca Surratt, Hadley Warren, and Emerson Warren all of Mt. Airy; and a aunt Magdalene Senter of Lambsburg, VA. In addition to his parents, Mr. Surratt was preceded in death by a brother Dale Surratt. Funeral services will be held 11:00 AM Thursday, June 24, 2010 at Calvary Baptist Church conducted by Rev. Tom Bagnal, and Rev. David Burgess. The body will lie in state from 9:30 AM until the time of the service. There will not be a formal visitation. Burial will follow in Skyline Memory Gardens. The family requests that donations be made to the Carlos Surratt Scholarship Fund, Surry Community College Foundation, 630 S. Main St. Dobson, NC 27017. Moody Funeral Home in Mt. Airy is assisting the Surratt Family. Online condolences may be made at www.moodyfuneralservices.com.

In 1980, Carlos Surratt, Evening Dean at Surry Community College and instructor of local history courses at the college taught a genealogy class. During this time the members of the class discussed the possibility of forming a Surry County Genealogical Association. Then On March 3, 1981 a meeting was held and the group discussed the short and long-range goals of the Assn. It was decide that the purpose of this Assn. was to trace family roots, preserve records from churches, cemeteries, and other items of historical importance that would help one learn more about his or her ancestors and the history of our county. The Group decided it would be called "The Surry County Genealogical Association." The first public meeting of the Assn. was held on Monday, May 18, 1981. It was very successful. Fifty people attended the meeting, and many became members. When they elected officers for the 1st year they elected Carlos Surratt and Dennis "Bud" Cameron as advisors, and they still hold this position today. They started with a bookcase of research books at the college and now they have a genealogy room "The Carlos Surratt Room" which is in the library at Surry Community College at Dobson, N. C, with family histories, census records, cemetery records, a computer, and 200 of The Family Tree Maker disk's to go on it. A Microfilm Reader and lots of Surry Co. Records on Micro Film. 26 years

later the Assn. has around 400 members in all locations. The Assn has a meeting the 2nd Monday night of each Month at 7:00 PM in the Teaching Auditorium at Surry Community College, Dobson, N. C. These meetings are free and open to the public.