

Mr. Vergil "Vic" Earnest Irvan of Concord, NC passed away Sunday night at his home after losing a battle with stomach cancer. Vic's funeral will be 3 PM Thursday at Wilkinson Funeral Home Chapel officiated by Chaplain Karen Kaser Odor. Burial will follow at Oakwood Cemetery. The family will receive friends 6 to 8 PM Wednesday at Wilkinson Funeral Home and will be at the home the remaining time.

Vic was born December 18, 1929 in Freedom, OK to the late Jefferson C. "Buck" Irvan and Opal Hickey Irvan. He served in the United States Air Force from 1947-1950 as an Air Traffic Controller. A self-taught businessman, Vic owned and operated Associated Auto Wreckers in Seaside, CA for 20 years before moving to North Carolina in 1978. Vic was the last promoter of the Old Concord Speedway. He worked on several NASCAR teams including Ed Negre's and Lake Speed's. Vic was the manager of Irvan-Simo Racing for his son, Ernie and also worked as a spotter for him for many years. Since 1982, Vic has been the President and Co-Owner of Irvan-Smith, Inc. with his Son-in-Law, Kevin Smith. Vic's racing career began in 1952 in California and he spent many years on the dirt tracks racing open wheel cars in his familiar purple, "circle 9" car. He won many trophies, championships and was a California State Champion in the 60's. He was inducted into the Watsonville Speedway Hall of Fame in 1998. Vic was an incredibly generous friend to all that he met. Near and dear to his heart were his grandchildren and great-grandchildren who brought him joy each and every day. He was preceded in death by son, David Wayne Irvan, daughter Susan Irvan Lewis and brother, David Irvan.

Vic is survived by his wife, Jo Ann Graves Irvan of the home; son, Ernie Irvan and wife, Kim, of Wadmalaw Island, SC; daughters, Sheryl Irvan Bradford and husband, Jerry, of Monterey, CA; Tracy Irvan Smith and husband, Kevin, of Concord, NC; grandchildren, Chad Dotseth, Staci Graulich, Joey Bradford, Jordan Irvan, Jared Irvan, Scott Smith and Lauren Smith; great grandchildren, Kensli, Zach, Ella and Skye; brothers Frank Irvan of Sapulpa, OK; Cecil Irvan of Sacramento, CA; sisters, Marie Moore of Prunedale, CA and Anita Davi of Pebble Beach, CA.

In lieu of flowers memorials may be made to Hospice & Palliative Care of Cabarrus County 5003 Hospice Lane, Kannapolis, NC, 28081.