



# Earl H. Passwaters

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**E**arl H. Passwaters of Bridgeville, DE passed away suddenly at home on June 7, 2011. He was born on July 25, 1952, the son of Earl and Helen Passwaters who preceded him in death.

He attended Florida State University where he played football before returning to Bridgeville to farm with his father and brother. He was a seed representative for twenty-six years for Pioneer HiBred International. In 2008 he established East Coast Seed, LLC where he continued to work with local growers, supplying seed and consultation.

He was member of the Bridgeville Volunteer Fire Company where he worked with the Fire Police.

He is survived by his wife of thirty-nine years, Beth (Lewis) Passwaters; a son Brian Passwaters and his wife Amber of Hampstead, NC; a daughter Amanda Forbes and her husband Scott of Chapel Hill, NC; five granddaughters, Cassandra, Elizabeth and Samantha Passwaters and Hannah and Ally Forbes; his brother Coulter and his wife Charlotte of Bridgeville; his mother-in-law Dorothy Lewis of Wilmington, NC; a sister-in-law Molly McIntosh of the Bahamas and many nieces and nephews.

The family will receive friends on Friday June 10, 2011 from 6:30 PM to 8:30 PM at the Parsell Funeral Homes & Crematorium, Hardesty Chapel, 202 Laws Street, Bridgeville, DE. Services and Burial will be private.

In lieu of flowers contributions are suggested to the Bridgeville Vol. Fire Company, PO Box 727, Bridgeville, DE 19933 or BaseBald for the Cure, UNC Lineberger CB 7295, UNC Chapel Hill, Chapel Hill, NC 27599

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## Tribute Wall

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BW

**Bill And Amy Winchester** posted:

Beth, Brian and Mandy, So sorry to hear this news. Bill and I remember you all with such love and affection. You are in our hearts and prayers.

August 18 at 8:00 PM

JE

**Jess** posted:

To the family: I do not know you neither did I know Mr Passwaters. However, I was reading the obituary and it is very obvious that he will be really missed by the children and family. Death is really an enemy! Please draw comfort from the scriptures in Revelation 21:4 that talks about a time when mourning, sorrow, outcry, pain, and DEATH will be no more. A time when we would not lose loved ones in death. Yes Almighty God who cannot lie has promised to do this. I know I cannot quench your sorrow. But I do hope that you find comfort in knowing that Almighty God cares deeply for you and will help you cope with your loss. (1st Peter 5:7)

June 19 at 8:00 PM

AW

**April Willey** posted:

I just read this and was so saddened to learn this news. Earl was a wonderful man and loved his family dearly. So sorry for his wife, children and grandchildren. Beth, you are in my prayers. God Bless each of you.

June 18 at 8:00 PM

CC

**Cathy (Givens) Calloway** posted:

I am so sorry to read about Earl passing. It has been many years but I have not forgotten my friends from 4-H. My thoughts and prayers are with all of Earl's family.

June 17 at 8:00 PM

NW

**Nan Williams** posted:

Beth, I was devastated when I received word of Earlee's passing. I wanted so much to come up for the visitation. I'm just so glad I made the trip last October, and I will always remember Earlee as a very fine person. My prayers and love to you, Nan

June 16 at 8:00 PM



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BM

**Bridget Mccowan** posted:

Mandy, Scott, Hannah, Ally, and Mrs. Passwater, I was so sorry to learn of the loss of your love one, Mr. Earl Passwater. God's love and strength will get you through this difficult time. Remember to smile at the memories he left with you all. Hannah know that I love you and I'm thinking of you all.

June 12 at 8:00 PM

BC

**Barbara & Barry Cashion** posted:

Mandy, Scott and Family, Please know that you and your entire family continue to be in our thoughts and prayers during this time and in the difficult days ahead. May your many fond memories serve to give you much comfort. Barry & Barbara Cashion

June 11 at 8:00 PM

MS

**Mary Lou And Scott** posted:

Our Dear Beth, We will always cherish our memories of Earl. He was a dear and treasured friend. Our love to you and your family during this difficult time. Love, Mary Lou and Scott

June 11 at 8:00 PM

DC

**Darl Chaffinch** posted:

I was very sorry to hear about Earl's passing. My condolences to Beth and family. My prayers are with you.

June 10 at 8:00 PM

NP

**Norma D. Prettyman** posted:

Beth, I'm so sorry to hear about Earl's passing. Mark and I just learned of the visitation today or we would have been there with you last night. If there is anything either of us can do for you, please let us know. Our phone number is 349-4949 --don't hesitate to call if you need anything at all. Earlee is a sweetheart and has always been ! Love, Norma and Mark Prettyman

June 10 at 8:00 PM



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DF

**Debbie Aptt Facciolo** posted:

Beth,I don't get the News Journal but one somehow or other showed up at my house today, Saturday, and it was Thursday's edition. I flipped threw it casually and landed on the obits page. When I saw Earl's name I grabbed my chest and thought, oh God in heaven, please let this be Earl's dad. I was grief stricken. While I haven't seen you in ages, you are in my thoughts often. There are no words, Beth. What a horrible loss. Take good care of yourself.Deb

June 10 at 8:00 PM

AW

**Agventure East, Inc. Dwight Ward** posted:

Sorry for your loss.

June 10 at 8:00 PM

SF

**Stephen Forbes** posted:

Our Sympathy to Mandy and her family in this time of loss. Our prayers are with you all.Stephen and Patti Forbes and Family

June 10 at 8:00 PM

EM

**Earl Mast** posted:

My thoughts and prayers are with Earls family. As a young man i worked with Earl a few years at O.A. Newtons.

June 9 at 8:00 PM

SW

**Sue Sellars Wilson** posted:

Oh Beth! What can I say when your loss is so fresh and so sad, I am sorry. Lynette called my sister Golda who lives in Laurel about Earl. I saw the pictures of the class reunion, you two still made acute couple. You will be inmy thoughts and prayers in the days ahead. Love Sue

June 9 at 8:00 PM



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KV

**Kenneth Van Valkenburg** posted:

I am very sad to hear of Earl's passing. I was the other defensive end on the Wesley team of 1970 -1972. He was a fine man and a good friend. I always enjoyed seeing him at Wesley events. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family at this time.

June 9 at 8:00 PM

MM

**Mike Messner** posted:

Beth & Family I was one of Earl's teammates @ Wesley. You have my sincere sympathy. God Bless. Mike

June 9 at 8:00 PM

LP

**Lori Paris** posted:

Beth, Mandy and Brian, I am so very sorry for your loss. Earl was a wonderful man, and a lot of fun. I always enjoyed picking on him about my LSU Tigers. My thoughts and prayers are with you and all the family.

June 9 at 8:00 PM

CA

**Chuck Adams** posted:

Beth I was shocked by this news. I wish you and all your family well. Chuck Adams and all at Adams-Kemp

June 9 at 8:00 PM

RS

**Robin And Carol Short** posted:

Beth and Family, We are so sorry to hear of Earlees passing. Robin spoke of him often, with fondness. We remember him with a smile. Although he is gone to soon, you will have great memories to help get you through. You are in our prayers. With Sympathy, Robin and Carol

June 9 at 8:00 PM



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**Bryant Bell** posted:

Beth - I am very sorry for your loss. Earl was a good friend and classmate. I will miss him, but remember him always. My condolences to you and your family. Bryant & Zoe Bell

June 9 at 8:00 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

A sympathy card has been sent to the family of Earl H. Passwaters.

June 9 at 8:00 PM



**Jennifer Swartz** posted:

Beth, I am so sorry for your loss. You and your family are in my thoughts and prayers. Jennifer

June 9 at 8:00 PM



**Chuck And Sandie Rementer** posted:

We are very sorry for your loss. Earl was a wonderful person. Chuck and I thought a lot of him.

June 9 at 8:00 PM



**William Isaacs** posted:

Mr. Passwaters has been a fine person and always a pleasure to be around. He will be missed.

June 9 at 8:00 PM



**Dustin And Lorraine Knepper** posted:

Our deepest sympathy for you and your family. You will be in our prayers

June 8 at 8:00 PM



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BP

**Brad Paschen** posted:

Sorry to hear of your loss. Though I am new to AgVenture, I enjoyed getting to know Earl at the meetings, etc. He was a great man and had a lot of respect for him. He will be missed. God Bless  
Brad Paschen AgVenture D & M West Lafayette, IN

June 8 at 8:00 PM

M6

**Mike Craig -Unc Baseball Manager '63, '64** posted:

Mandy, Scott & Family: I met you two several years ago at a Reece Holbrook fundraiser while my cousin John Martin was still covering Carolina Baseball for sports communications. We visited at the dinner table and I enjoyed meeting and visiting with you both. Please know that we "Old Leaguers", now called Diamond Heels, are thinking of you and the loss you are sharing this week. I never had the opportunity to meet Mr. Passwaters, but he sounds like a Terrific father, fan, and friend. I was in Chapel Hill last weekend for games, and as we have seen, none of us are promised even one more day. Know that I am thinking of you and lifting up my prayers as you will celebrate the wonderful life of your father, Mandy.

June 8 at 8:00 PM

JK

**Jackie King** posted:

Death leaves a heartache no one can heal, love leaves a memory no one can steal. Earl will be missed. God Bless You.

June 8 at 8:00 PM

DS

**Donna Seabrease** posted:

I was very sorry to hear of Earlee's passing. My prayers are with you and your family.

June 8 at 8:00 PM

JM

**Judy Moore** posted:

Beth, so sorry to hear about Earl. My thoughts and prayers are with you. Please let me know if I can do anything for you.

June 8 at 8:00 PM



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VS

**Vicki And Bob Short** posted:

Dear Beth and family of Earlee's, Bob and I are so very sorry to hear of his passing. Please know you are in our thoughts and prayers.

June 8 at 8:00 PM

JH

**Joan Holt** posted:

Dear Mrs. Passwaters, Mandy, Scott and Family, Words cannot express how sorry I am for your terrible loss. My thoughts and prayers are with you during this devastating time.

June 8 at 8:00 PM

DW

**Dorothy Wheatley** posted:

My most heartfelt sympathy to all of you. I, like many others, was so shocked to hear this sad news. May you find peace through love and memories in the days to come. You are all in my thoughts and prayers. God Bless.

June 8 at 8:00 PM

BM

**Bill Mears** posted:

Earl Passwaters was One of the Nicest Men You will ever meet. Earl was my First Cousin. He and I shared alot of the same interests- Football / Auto Racing / Farming and Life in General. My Heartfelt Thoughts and Prayers go out to Beth , Brian , Mandy , and Coulter. Earl Your Journey Here On Earth Is Fullfilled -- May You Forever Rest In Peace----Cousin Bill

June 8 at 8:00 PM

TE

**Travis Everette** posted:

Mrs. Passwaters, Mandy, Scott, and family:I was absolutely shocked and saddened to hear about Mr. Passwaters' death. He was a fantastic man who made everyone around him smile. He will be truly missed and I'm thankful to have had the opportunity to know him briefly. I can't tell you guys how much my heart hurts for you. I pray that you all will be given strength in your time of sorrow and the ability to smile at the many good times you had with your husband/dad/friend. My heartfelt sympathies...

June 8 at 8:00 PM



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JW

**Jeff & Helen Ward** posted:

We are very thankful that we got to see and talk with Earl a few weeks ago in Chapel Hill. You are all in our thoughts and prayers. Love & peace, The Ward's

June 8 at 8:00 PM

CT

**Carolyn Truitt** posted:

Beth: I was so sorry to read about Earl's passing. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.

June 8 at 8:00 PM

RT

**Rick Tull** posted:

Beth and Family: So sorry for your loss. Earl was a wonderful person and an asset to our community. He will be missed.

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KT

**Karen Todd** posted:

Beth & family, May you find comfort in God's love & strength in each other. My love & prayers for you.

June 8 at 8:00 PM

PA

**Philip Atkins** posted:

Deepest sympathies

June 8 at 8:00 PM

SG

**Selena Gregory** posted:

Beth & Family ... my heart breaks for you. I am praying for you all and remembering Earl with a big smile ... like he always had for everyone he spoke with.

June 8 at 8:00 PM



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TF

**The Lassiter Family** posted:

Mr. Passwaters touched our lives though we never met. Surely it was our loss. Our hearts and prayers are with you.

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MF

**Mike & Diane Fleury** posted:

Beth, Mandy, Scott, Hannah and Ally we are really sorry for your loss. We know how close you were to your husband/father. May you take comfort in the wonderful memories which will be with you forever and may you also be comforted by the love of your family and many friends in the days ahead.

June 7 at 8:00 PM

BB

**Brian Binkley** posted:

Mandy, I am extremely saddened to hear about your loss. Prayers are constantly flowing. May God be with you and your entire families during this difficult time...

June 7 at 8:00 PM

MF

**Mike Fox** posted:

Earl was one of the nicest and kindest people you could ever hope to meet. Always had a smile and a warm greeting for me and all my family. My heart goes out to Beth, Mandy, Scott and all the Passwater family. Cheryl and I are thinking of you and praying for God's love to give you strength and comfort during this time. Mike Fox

June 7 at 8:00 PM

BC

**Bill And Carol Calhoun** posted:

We were so shocked and saddened to hear of Earl's death. You have our most sincere sympathy and will be in our thoughts and prayers over the next few days and months. We look forward to seeing you in NC, where we will be able to give our love and support in person. God loves you and will be with you. Bill and Carol

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**Larry And Peggy Edens** posted:

beth and family, please know that you are in our thoughts during this time of grief and sadness. earl was one of my favorite classmates and a lifetime friend. his hearty laugh and way in which he made anyone at ease was a delight. peggy and i will always cherish those days in wilmington, nc when we were able to dine with both of you and share our memories and enjoy each other's company. if you ever need anything, don't hesitate to ask; we will do what we can to help. again, we send our sincerest condolences. the class of '70 will never be the same.

June 7 at 8:00 PM



# Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Earl by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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