

Harold Brown, 77, Dies Early Today

Harrison (Harold) Brown, 77, of Caudill Road, North Wilkesboro, a leader in the local rescue and fire service community, died this morning, Wednesday, June 1, 2011, at his home.

Mr. Brown was one of the early members of the Wilkes Rescue Squad, which was established in 1952. He served for 30 years as the squad captain, retiring several years after stepping down from that position.

Mr. Brown was a member of the North Wilkesboro Fire Department, joining in 1956 and retiring on July 17, 1988, as assistant chief. During his time on the fire department, he also served as second assistant chief and captain, and he was the training officer for 10 years.

He was one of the founding members of the Wilkes County Fireman's Association and served as president for several years. He was also the county's first appointed fire marshal. In that capacity, he helped establish district lines as new rural fire departments were established.

Mr. Brown also helped to establish the radio paging system for rural fire departments and emergency services.

Funeral arrangements, to be handled by Miller Funeral Service are incomplete.