H. JOHN HATCHER, JR

John was born on October 1, 1931 in Cary North Carolina, the son of Judge and Mrs. H. J. “Doggie” Hatcher. He was raised in a strong Methodist home but graduated from two then-Baptist colleges, Mars Hill and Wake Forest. In the midst of his formal education, he joined the US Army and served three years on active duty, most of which was overseas. On his return to Wake Forest, he married Blair Tucker, a Wake Forest College co-ed and Louisburg native. They have been married 54 years.

John was a banker for more than 27 years. His career spanned from Winston Salem to Asheboro, High Point, Raleigh, Mocksville, and finally, Cary, which has been home since 1970. He began a second career in commercial real estate and is a broker with White Oak Commercial in Raleigh. He is also a retired officer of the North Carolina Army National Guard, with more than twenty years of service.

Blair and John are the proud parents of three children. Son Blair, a CPA, and his wife, Rena, live in Cary. Daughter Candy and her husband, John Gregor, live in Virginia Beach, Va. Candy is on the editorial board of The Virginian-Pilot. Son John, a Louisburg College graduate, lives in Summerfield and is repair manager for a construction company in Greensboro. John’s two grandchildren, who have greatly enriched his life, are Ashley H. Babladelis, of Winston Salem, and Brian J. Hatcher, of Cary. John has one brother, Frank Adair Hatcher, who lives with his wife, Linda, in Winston Salem.

As a member of Cary’s First Baptist Church for more than thirty years, John served as church moderator and chairman of the Board of Deacons. He and Blair are now active members of Greenwood Forest Baptist Church, where John is a deacon. He has served as a trustee and member of the Foundation Board of Mars Hill College and has been Advisory Board chairman of the Salvation Army, as well as an enthusiastic bell ringer.

John is also active in Rotary, having served his Cary Club in many capacities, including president. He was district governor of Rotary International’s District 771. In addition, he has been active in the Cary Chamber of Commerce, serving as president; in American Legion Post 67, a former commander; the North Carolina Division of the American Cancer Society; and member of the Wake County Bond Financing Authority.

John and his family have maintained strong ties to Louisburg, with extended family and lifelong friends there.