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Cecil Deese, 85, DuPont worker

Cecil William Deese, 85 formerly of Wilmington, Del died Tuesday at Manor Care North nursing home in York.

He was the husband of Florence K Farrior Deese, who died in 1983.

Born in Lonoke County, Ark., he was a son of the late Susan Elizabeth Flynt and William Henry Deese.

He worked for 47 years in the organic chemicals department of Du Pont Co in Wilmington, Del.

After retiring, he was a volunteer at the Hagley Museum in Delaware where he worked in the Steam Engine House on the banks of the Brandywine River.

He was a graduate of the College of the Ozarks in Clarksville, Ark, where he was captain of the football, basketball, and track teams. He also helped build the college chapel.

He was an active member of Second Baptist Church in Wilmington, where he was a Sunday School teacher, treasurer, and deacon.

Surviving are two daughters, Patricia D Lyons of Lancaster and Katharine D Tempelaar-Lieta of London; five grandchildren: and two brothers, Wilson C of Little Rock, Ark and Richard E of Auburn, Ala.