Frank Sale, Sr.

It is with deepest sympathy to inform members of the passing of Frank Sale, Sr., on Wednesday, January 18, 2012 at his home. He was the founder and former owner of the Radford Auto Auction.

Frank Sale was raised a farm boy, but ventured out into the real estate and auctioneering business in 1952. He was a self-taught auctioneer, a founding member of the Virginia Auctioneer Association, and was inducted in their Hall of Fame in 1998.

Born on September 21, 1929 to the late Albin and Ollie Sale of Radford, Va., Frank Sale, Sr. was preceded in death by his first wife and the mother of his children, Hilda Elmore Sale; and his second wife of 46 years, Vera Bishop Dulaney Sale. Mr. Sale is survived by his daughter and son-in-law, June and Jimmy Walker, of Christiansburg; son and daughter-in-law, David and Karen Sale, of Radford; stepson, Dean Dulaney, of Radford; stepdaughter and son-in-law, Jan Dulaney Murphy and Warren, of Florida; brothers and sisters-in-law, Bob and Judy Sale, and Pete and Connie Sale, of Radford; seven grandchildren, Brian Sale and Alison, Angie Sale Meier and Craig, Amanda Sale Greene and Jason, Matthew Sale and Michelle, Kelly Walker and Jamie Walker, and Alison Murphy Wickersham and Richard; 12 great-grandchildren; brother-in-law and spouse, Gene and Nancy Bishop, of Chattanooga, Tenn.; and extended family and friends.

The Sale family requests that those wishing to make memorials consider Bethel United Methodist Church, 1060 Lovely Mount Drive, Radford, VA 24141, or a church or charity of your choice.

The family will receive friends from 5 to 8 p.m. on Friday, January 20, 2012, at the Horne Funeral Home. The Funeral Service will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday, January 21, 2012, at the Bethel United Methodist Church, Radford, with Preacher Bobby Lorton and Pastor T. Michael Bond officiating. Interment will follow at Sunset Cemetery, Christiansburg.