



Arnold Edward Dalton

April 27, 1949 - Dec. 12, 2025

Arnold Edward Dalton, 76, of Morganton, NC, peacefully joined his Lord and Savior on Friday, December 12, 2025.

Born in Cleveland County, NC on April 27, 1949, he was the son of the late Oneil Oliver Dalton and Pauline Smith Dalton.

Arnold was a veteran of the NC National Guard and a member of Nowlings Chapel Freewill Baptist Church. He was a loving husband, father, grandfather, and great-grandfather. He enjoyed the outdoors and camping, and he enjoyed spending time with his family, especially his grandchildren. He loved the Tarheels and NASCAR, and he never missed a Carolina game.

Those left to cherish his memory include his wife of 54 years, Theresa Bowen Dalton; daughter, Angela Dalton Henlsey (Darvy); grandchildren, Jacob Hensley (Jordan) and Jessica Hensley Smith (Dylan); great-grandchildren, Madelyn Smith, Jedediah Hensley, Greyson Smith, Stella Henlsey, Lily Smith, and Gideon Hensley; sisters, Marilyn Dalton Lambert (Darrell) and Carol Dalton Malcolm (Darel); and sister-in-law, Terry Smith.

The family will receive friends from 3 to 4 p.m., Thursday, December 18, 2025 at Nowlings Chapel Freewill Baptist Church. The funeral will be held at 4 p.m. in the

Nowlings Chapel Freewill Baptist Church. The funeral will be held at 4 p.m. in the church with Rev. Darvy Hensley, Rev. Dylan Smith, and Mr. Jacob Henlsey officiating. Burial will follow in the church cemetery with military honors provided by the NC National Guard.

In honor of Arnold's great-grandchildren, memorial contributions may be made to the Nowlings Chapel Youth Group, PO Box 3083, Morganton, NC 28680.

Sossoman Funeral Home and Crematory Center is assisting the family with the arrangements.

Tribute Wall

Teresa, I am sorry to hear of Arnold's passing. You are in my thoughts and prayers.

—Delores Wall

I'm so sorry to hear about Arnold's passing, I worked beside Arnold for 13 yrs at Alba-Waldensian. He was one of a kind , a proud husband,father and grand father. We would always have discussions every morning after a Tarheel game , he a Tarheel fan,I a Duke fan , some of those morning discussions were pretty heated but all I good taste , always enjoyed fishing for walleye on Lake James with Arnold , you will be missed , keeping Teresa and family in prayer.... God Bless

—Kirk Dellinger



—Debra Fleming

Please know you're in our prayers ..our hearts are sad but rejoice as well for he's home with his heavenly Father.

—Preacher Doug and Debbie Mathis

Arnold was a man of few words. If you spoke to him, he would always reply with a smile. I know he would have had to be so proud of his one and only precious daughter! So giving and putting everyone in front of herself. I'm sure there were times when he would look at his grandchildren and great grandchildren with pride knowing he had a part of their lives. I believe he went home to be with Jesus with a feeling of accomplishment. He's spending Christmas with Jesus this year and has gets to hear the angels sing for the first time! Praying for peace and comfort for his precious family he was so proud of. He will be missed.

—Buck and Levonda