



*Bill Childers*

**Oct. 12, 1940 - Jan. 30, 2025**

Bill Childers, 84, of Valdese, NC, went to be with his brothers and sisters on Thursday, January 30, 2025.

Born in Burke County, NC on October 12, 1940, he was the son of the late Oliver Lee Childers and Fannie Virginia Piercy Childers.

Bill was a member of Burkemont Baptist Church and a veteran of the NC National Guard. He enjoyed serving alongside the brave members of the Drexel Fire Department, especially in their booth at the Drexel Fair. Bill was known as a man who could fix anything, and he delighted in his hobbies of metal detecting, treasure hunting, and fishing.

A devoted husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather, and uncle, Bill is survived by his daughter, Billie Jo Childers Deal (David); step-daughter, Rhonda Norman Stair (Mike); grandchildren, Joshua David Deal (Shea Fitzgerald) and Jamie Leighann Schaaf (Jason); great-grandson, James David Schaaf; sister, Betty Baker; and many beloved nieces and nephews.

In addition to his parents, Bill was preceded in death by his wife, Karen Levern Woodie Childers; brothers, Carthel, Robert, and David Childers; and sisters, Pauline Coulter, Beatrice Witherspoon, and Leatrice Adams.

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The cryptside service will be held at 2 p.m., Saturday, February 8, 2025 at Burke Memorial Park with Pastor Josh Bruce officiating.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the [American Kidney Foundation \(kidney.org\)](https://www.kidney.org) or to [Drexel First Church of God \(drexelchurchofgod.org\)](https://www.drexelchurchofgod.org).

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

# Tribute Wall



—Anonymous

Billie Jo and David So sorry to hear of your loss. God's peace and love to you and your family!!!

—Brian Baird



—Anonymous



—James David Schaaf