



Billy "Jobe" Harbison

None - Aug. 28, 2026

Billy "Jobe" Harbison, 70, passed away on Friday, August 28, 2026, following a period of declining health.

Born in Burke County, NC, he was the son of the late Billy and Ellie Franklin Harbison of Drexel. An accomplished individual from a young age, Jobe earned the rank of Eagle Scout. He dedicated 25 years of service to the Burke County Sheriff's Office, protecting his community across multiple roles including; Animal Control, Detention, Road Patrol, and Chief Bailiff. Jobe also served as a reserve officer with Morganton Public Safety and the Drexel Police Department.

Jobe was a faithful member of Bethel Church of Christ and a Master Mason with Lovelady Lodge No. 670 A.F. & A.M. in Valdese, NC. He had a deep love for the outdoors, especially enjoying his fishing trips with Gary and Jeff Coffey, as well as his trips to Kiawah Island, South Carolina. Known affectionately by friends such as "Jobe," "Hobbs," "Hobby," and "Ja-bay," he possessed a great sense of humor and loved bringing warmth and laughter to those around him.

He is survived by his lifelong companion, Kay Rhodes; her sons, Shane Rhodes and Chad Rhodes; cousins, Martha Howell, Julie French, Jennifer Fulbright; his beloved friends, Brooks and Amanda Holder.

In addition to his parents, Jobe was preceded in death by his sister, Linda Harbison Schmit, and other family members.

Jobe will be truly missed by all who knew him, but his legacy will live in the hearts of his family, friends, and community he served.

The family will receive friends from 5pm until 6pm, Friday, September 4, 2026 at Sossoman Funeral Home. A celebration of life will follow at 6pm in the Colonial Chapel of the funeral home with Pastor Richard Via officiating. There will be a private family burial with Masonic Rites provided by the Lovelady Lodge No. 670 A.F. & A.M.

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

Tribute Wall

No tributes added yet.