



*Bruce Alexander*  
*“Woody” Saulmon*

**May 26, 1945 - Dec. 28, 2025**

Bruce Alexander “Woody” Saulmon, 80, of the Oak Hill Community in Morganton, NC, passed away Sunday, December 28, 2025.

Born in Burke County, NC on May 26, 1945, he was the son of the late Edgar C. Saulmon and Alice Chester Saulmon.

Woody graduated from Berea College with a bachelor’s degree in horticulture. He served as a medic in the US Army during the Vietnam War and was awarded a Purple Heart and a Silver Star. Following his service, he began working as a deputy for the Burke County Sheriff’s office and later became a magistrate for Burke County. Woody loved to travel, having taken over 40 cruises, and he also loved to hunt.

Those left to cherish his memory include his wife of 42 years, Wanda Roark Saulmon; children, Dean Smith (Sharon), Sandy Smith, and Linda K. Smith; grandson, Robert Dean Smith; great-grandson, Camron Prewitt; brother, Thomas Saulmon (Sue); sisters, Pat Peterson and Jane Lynk (Jim); and numerous nieces, nephews, and extended family.

In addition to his parents, Woody was preceded in death by a grandson, Michell Prewitt; three brothers, Jack, Donald, and Ben Saulmon; and a sister, Alma Gates.

The family will have a private family service for Woody in the spring.

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

## Tribute Wall

I always enjoyed spending time with Uncle Woody when we'd visit coming from Iowa. Whether sitting quietly and talking with him in the living room or riding with him in the jeep to visit his hunting lodge or a fish camp, they were always some of my favorite activities during our trip. I still have and cherish the little silk coin purse he sent me while he was serving in Viet Nam. Sending my love to the extended family and all his friends. He was a good man who made Burke County a better and safer place.

—Tina (Peterson) Jens

Wanda and family, I am so sorry for your loss. I'm sure Woody will be missed. My heart goes out to all of you. You are in my prayers. You are special to me. Phyllis Smith

—Phyllis Smith

I still live in Virginia, however, when I saw this name, I knew he was a relative. I vaguely remember going to grandfather Chester's cabin and playing in the loft. I do remember Woody from those visits. Some of my favorite memories are at the cabin. If you have not guessed by now, I'm Enoch's oldest daughter. I'm sure your loss is great and I'm sure God will give you peace.

—Deborah Chester Overholtzer

—Lori Barlow

to Wanda from Bob Winters Wanda, I did not know of Woody's death until to another more than send this. I'll try the 'phone number that I have and hope it was the house line. Or, call me at 206 715-9974, or email:

singandwin1895@gmail.com. I so regret learning Woody is no longer amongst us and trust you are O. K. enough.



Woody was a fine man who will be missed greatly. My wife and I are terribly saddened to hear about his passing. We will never forget him.

–Bob Melton



–Jeff Avery