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Cecil Tallent

July 20, 1935 - Jan. 21, 2023

Cecil A. Tallent, 87, of Morganton, NC went home to be with His Lord and Savior, Saturday, January 21, 2023. Born on July 20, 1935, he was the son of the late Peter and Bessie Tallent. Cecil was a member of Mt. Home Baptist Church where he was a deacon for many years and was very active in the church when he was able. Cecil loved his church and seeing people come to the Lord and being saved. He was very fond of the Revs. Jerry Gamble, Clyde Bearden, and David Orders. He served in the US Army from 1954 to 1956 in Orléans, France and Germany. While he was in Europe serving in the Army, he played baseball. Cecil was always a New York Yankee's fan; Mickey Mantle was his hero. After his time in the service, Cecil, retired after 36 years from SGL Great Lakes Carbon where he served as an officer in the local union. He also volunteered at Autumn Care Nursing Home where he taught Sunday School for a number of years.

Cecil is survived by his daughter, Jane Tallent; grandson, Corporal Cameron Tallent USMC; sisters-in-law, Mary Tallent and Kathryn Bess; many nieces and nephews.

In addition to his parents, Cecil was preceded in death by his wife of 53 years, Judy Duckworth Tallent; brothers, Clyde, Alton, Thad, Forrest Tallent; sisters, Frances Carpenter and Hazel Dennehy.

The family will receive friends from 1pm-2pm Saturday, January 28, 2023 at Mt. Home Baptist Church. The funeral will be held in the church at 2pm with the Revs. Jerry Gamble and David Orders officiating. Burial will follow in the church cemetery. Military honors will be provided by the NC National Guard.

Memorial contributions may be made to Mount Home Baptist Church.

The family would like to give a special thank you to the staff at Medi-Home Hospice for their excellent care and compassion shown to Cecil.

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

Tribute Wall

I had the privilege of working with Mr. Cecil several times with Home Health. I looked forward to my visits with this dear man of God and friend. I was so blessed to know that he prayed for me each visit. I am very sure that His Savior met him with Well Done They Good And Faithful Servant!

—Ernie Powell

Jane , Sorry for the loss of your father. We will be thinking of you and the family. Mike

—Mike and Harriet Smith

So sorry for your loss May the Good Lord be with the Family I'm sure Cecil will be missed

—Randy Spake

Cecil you are really going to be missed .I have been your neighbor for six years, with Donald gone and know that you told me you were ready to go home . Alva Jean Patterson

—Alva Patterson



It was an honor and a pleasure to take care of Cecil while he was a patient at my office. He always had a smile and a



story to tell(and he always gave us candy). He loved the lord and always had a positive word to say. May God bless his family and many friends in this time of loss. He is walking streets of Gold! Job well done sir

—Lavonta Hector

Cecil was a good man and my Friend. He will surely be missed.

—Sidney Simmons

Jane, we are so sorry for the loss of your Dad. He was such a good man and such a blessing to all that knew him. Keep the memories that mean the most to you close in your heart. You and you son will be in our thoughts and prayers. With sincere sympathy, Lib & Dean Allman

—Dean and Lib Allman

Cecil was the sweetest man. I'll never forget him giving out chewing gum to all the children at church and calling us on our birthday to sing Happy Birthday!!

—Lisa Greene

Sorry to hear of the passing of Bro. Cecil, he was a fine Christian man, my husband, Art, worked with him for many years at SGL, he thought the world of him, I'm sure they've already seen each other in Heaven. Thoughts and Prayers go out to his family

—Ozelle Sotelo



Cecil is my next door neighbor, we have lived side by side since January 1, 1973, over 50 years. But, most important he was my brother in Christ, friend and prayer warrior. He fought the good fight. And Thanks to the Lord Jesus, I will see him in Glory. Jane, Cameron, praying for you. Love

see him in Glory. Jane, Cameron, praying for you. Love, Dennis Allman

—Dennis Allman

Cecil was a friend of mine for many years. A strong man of God. I used to serve with him on the visitation team and in the men's group.

—John Herron



My life has been made better because of you Cec! What a joy and honor to be able to care for you and know you!

—Maddison Noyes



Cecil always had a pleasant word for me every time I came in contact with him. Our prayers are with Family. We loved Cecil.

—Benny & Barbara Childers



Thank you for your service young man. God Bless and God's speed!

—David Buchanan

It was a great pleasure to go to church each Sunday and shake Cecil’s hand and the kids loved the little piece of candy that he would often give to the children. You will be missed my friend but I will see you again one of these days. My prayers are with this family and all his mourning friends at this time of bereavement

—Michael dellinger

Cecil was a true friend and a Christian man who loved the Lord and his family. The class of 53 sends our sympathy to the family.

—Reba Reece