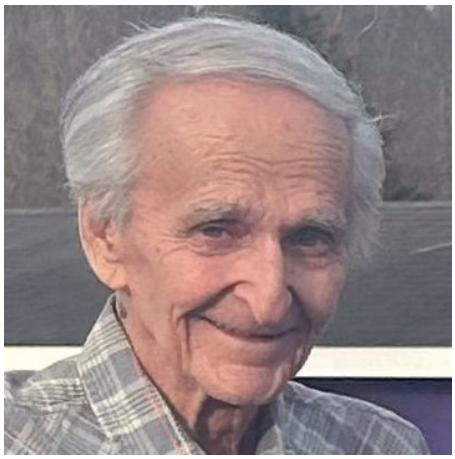
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Charles "Larry" Merrill

Oct. 9, 1949 - Nov. 19, 2026

Charles "Larry" Merrill, 77, of Morganton, NC, passed away Thursday, November 19, 2026 at UNC Health Blue Ridge Hospital while surrounded by his children and brother.

Born in Burke County, NC on October 9, 1949, he was the son of the late Charles Reid Merrill and Sarah Dale Merrill.

Larry was a veteran of the US Army. He was a loving father, grandfather, and brother who enjoyed dancing, fishing, and was a huge UNC Carolina fan. He loved gospel music and was part of the "Glory Road Travelers" many years ago.

Those left to cherish Larry's memory include his wife, Shelby Wagoner; children, Kelley Rector (Brian), Daniel Larry Merrill (Aimee), Elizabeth MacKinnon (Corey), and Courtney Merrill (Ivan); grandchildren, Dakota Merrill (Delaney), Tyler Rector, Addison Rector, Hudson MacKinnon, Brody Cockman, Emma Alexander, Camden MacKinnon, Alaina Alexander, and Charlee Merrill; siblings, Diann Wallace (Roy), Babs Merrill Poole (Steven), and Eric Merrill (Sheila); nieces and nephews, Dawn, Andy, Travis, Bradley, and Shelby; and numerous extended family.

The graveside service will be held at 1 p.m., Monday, November 23, 2026 at Pleasant Hill Baptist Church Cemetery. Military honors will be provided by the US Army. The

Hill Baptist Church Cemetery. Military honors will be provided by the US Army. The family will receive friends in the church fellowship hall following the service.

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

Tribute Wall

No tributes added yet.