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Coley "Bruce" Riles, Jr.

July 29, 1936 - April 5, 2019

Coley "Bruce" Riles, Jr., 82, of Morganton passed away Friday, April 5, 2019 at Carolina Caring. Born on July 29, 1936, he was the son of the late Coley Bruce Riles, Sr. and Hannah Reinhart.

Bruce grew up in the Baptist faith, where he sung in several gospel groups. He was a giving servant who loved to help others. Bruce retired from Dover Elevator Company after 30 years of service. He loved working with his hands. Bruce was a family man who loved his wife and never met a stranger.

Bruce is survived by his wife of 49 years, Edith Smith Riles; children, Deanna Cox (Steve), Cherylann Caudell, Coley Bruce Riles III (Debra), Rodney Riles (Crystal), and Jeff Riles (Gina); eight grandchildren, with Jade and Hunter Riles who lived close to him; nine great grandchildren; brothers, Terry Riles, Tommy Riles, Timmy Riles.

In addition to his parents, Bruce is preceded in death by his brother, Eston L. Riles; two grandsons, T.J. and Truman Riles.

The family will receive friends from 6 until 8 p.m., Monday, April 8, 2019 at Sossoman Funeral Home. The funeral service will be held at 2 p.m., Tuesday April 9, 2019 in the Colonial Chapel of the funeral home with the Revs. Jack Hodges and Donald Denton officiating. Burial will follow at Pleasant Hill Baptist Church

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Memorial contributions may be made to Carolina Caring.

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

Tribute Wall

No tributes added yet.