



Cornelius Crowe

March 23, 1936 - Nov. 25, 2025

On November 25, 2025 at 7:32pm, Cornelius Crowe passed away after an extended illness. He gained his wings and joined his Heavenly Father, departing this earthly world at the age of 89. Born to the late Dolson Crowe and Cora Buckner Crowe on March 23, 1936 and raised in Madison County, North Carolina, he moved to Morganton during his teenage years.

One of his earlier jobs was working at Breeden's Poultry where he met his soon-to-be wife and the love of his life, Rae. From there, he worked various jobs but found working with furniture to be his passion. Until his retirement he worked at Drexel Heritage in the finishing department where he served as foreman and part-time at E. J. Victor post-retirement.

He was an active member in church serving on the Board of Deacons, performing in religious plays, and singing in the choir while attending Hartland Missionary Methodist Church. He later joined Poarch Chapel Missionary Methodist Church where he supported fundraisers, competed in horseshoe tournaments, and other church activities.

Throughout his life, he enjoyed fishing whether it be on the coast or in the local river.

He loved to catch crabs, blue crabs, and oysters. His hobbies included card games,

He loved to catch spots, bream, crappie, and snapper. His hobbies included gardening with his most proud vegetable being his six-foot tall okra that he grew one year, and raising chickens that produced four yolk eggs. Another passion was travelling to new places and experiencing different cultures. He and his wife sailed around the Caribbean, Central America, Bermuda, and Canada on 13 cruises. Additionally, they travelled to all 50 states during their 67-year marriage.

He was a devoted, compassionate husband and father who adored his wife and daughter. He was always a source of strength and encouragement during difficult times. He was admired for his laughter and comedic candor. Until the bitter end, he always talked about his love for his family and his rock and stone, his wife.

Cornelius is survived by his daughter, Michelle Howell and husband Brian; grandchildren Parker and Brielle; brother, Boyce Crowe and wife Kathy, as well as numerous nieces, nephews, close friends, and extended family. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by brothers, Noah Crowe, Charles Crowe, James Crowe, Edward Crowe, and sister, Evelyn Suttles.

The family will receive friends from 2 to 3 p.m., Sunday, November 30, 2025 at Sossoman Funeral Home in Morganton and a celebration of Cornelius' life will follow at 3 p.m. in the Colonial Chapel of the funeral home.

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

Tribute Wall

We really miss our friend & travel Partner & fishing partner.

—Cathy Gantt

Sorry for your loss. I'm cora lea griffin holland grandson. Jenny is my mom

—Roger Hoyle



Michelle and Family, My heart and prayers go out to you at this time of sorrow. May the memories of your dad help heal your heart. Lord wrap them in your loving arms. Love and Prayers, Rebecca

—Rebecca Childers Arney

Praying for the family May God bless you and your family doing this difficult time
Ned and Betty Mayfield

—Betty Mayfield

—Shannon Gragg



Rae, I want to send my condolences to you and your family. Your husband must have been as sweet and special as you are. May God wrap you and your family in His love, strength,



and comfort now and in the days to come. Love, Rama Jean
and Bruce Franklin

—Bruce and Rama Jean Franklin