



David Joe "Jose"
McLaughlin

Oct. 30, 1951 - June 30, 2025

David Joe Jos McLaughlin, 73, of Morganton, NC, passed to his heavenly home on Monday, June 30, 2025 after a lengthy illness.

Born in Avery County, NC on October 30, 1951, he was the son of the late Fred William McLaughlin and Martha Bumgarner McLaughlin.

Jos owned and operated Oak Park Salvage. He was a very giving person who dearly loved his family, especially his daughters and grandchildren. He also loved all his buddies and his animals. Mr. McLaughlin enjoyed spending time on Lake James.

Jos is survived by his wife of 30 years, Elizabeth Wimberly McLaughlin; daughters, Nicole Sanders Poole (Julian), Jina Shea Loftin (Jason), and Sara Elizabeth McLaughlin; grandchildren, Chelsea Connelly, Brenna McLaughlin, and Madison Davis; sister, Linda Propst (Ray); father and mother-in-law, Gary and Virginia Turner; sister-in-law, Melody Isom (Bill); and brothers-in-law, Jerry Wimberly (Linda), Greg Wimberly, and Kevin Turner.

In addition to his parents, Jos was preceded in death by a brother, Michael Dean McLaughlin.

A celebration of life will be held from 2 to 4 p.m., Wednesday, July 16, 2025 at Sossoman Funeral Home.

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

Visitation

July 16, 2025

2 p.m. - 4 p.m.

Sossoman Funeral Home Inc

Service

N/A

Committal

N/A

Tribute Wall

We were so sad to hear of the loss of a friend and classmate. I was in the same graduating class as "Jose". Many prayers for all of you during this difficult time.

—Linda and Danny Huffman

I went to school with Jose. Graduated same year at Oak Hill High School. Was also very Caring, had a great personality. RIP my ole friend!

—Linda Eaker

Joe was always good to me and my family he was a good man and a friend he would help you anyway he could. In my life time you would never meet better man than Joe God bless you my friend your friend Tim Powell

—Timothy Powell

So sorry to have heard of José passing. He was a long time friend that can't be replaced. We had a lotes of fun in our earlier years. Haven't got to see my friend in sometime due to my health problems, but when we would run into other it always was just like old time. My Prayers to all of his family and all of his friends. Will be missed very much. He was the only person that called me Allan, after my dad.

—Dean Epley

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Dear friends, we are so sorry to hear of Jose's passing. We are happy to have known him. He will be missed.

—Gerald & Stanlena Allen

R.I.P. Bossman Jose shall be missed. Met Jose in 1970 while working at Mimosa Hills golf course, pals from the jump. Back then he treated me like a brother and our friendship has never went downhill. Through the years if I needed help, he would oblige and give me work, be it electrical or just an extra pair of hands. It seems like it was always enough to get me going again, like a jumpstart to my next job. To Jose family: love y'all and I am so very sorry for your loss. I will be maintaining the good thoughts for each and every one of you during this time. God Bless & Respect Virgil

—Mike Clontz



Rip Jose you will def be missed... Your Friend Tonya and Tim Norris

—Tonya Baker and Timothy Norris



So sorry to hear of Jose passing. He was one of the kindest people we've ever known. He would help anyone anyway he could. He was a wonderful friend & neighbor for 50+ yrs. My parents & our family loved Jose, he had many meals with us at my parents home (Charles & Grace Hughes) always enjoyed having him at Thanksgiving or anytime. He's actually ate quite a few meals that I've cooked. He will greatly be missed but never forgotten. So Thankful my brother Darryl could help him out like he wanted him to for the last 6 months. RIP our friend !! It was an Honor to have called you our friend !! Prayer's for the family

Darryl & Norma Snodgrass

—Randy & Norma Speagle

Joe and I spent many carefree days together as neighbors. Our parents were friends and we shared many days riding bikes and having adventures. He was one of the good guys and will be missed by many! Our prayers are with you all!

—Glenda Preswood Truax

Jose and I go back to 1974. So very sorry for your loss.

—Jim Belote

Oh my. I am so sorry...I love you guys...he sure was a special man...hugs and prayers

—Teresa Puett



I will always miss and love you ..

—Gina Lynn



—Tamantha

A dang good one. Him and Mike were always good friends, ran in the same circles last 40 years or so. He will be missed

—Robert Miller

–Robin McDaniel



Jose was a Dear Friend to my husband Garry, myself, and all of our children. He will be missed but always remembered.

–Kathy Holder



Jose was a great guy and will be missed. I am very saddened to hear he has passed.

–Bob Melton