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Dennis James Epley

Dec. 11, 1956 - April 18, 2024

Dennis James Epley, 67, of Drexel, NC went to his heavenly home on Thursday, April 18, 2024.

Born December 11, 1956 in Burke County, NC, he was the son of the late Lee Roy Epley and Gladys Lucille Robinson Epley. Dennis spent 35 years with the Triple Community Fire Department, where he retired as chief. He was also one of the first paramedics in Burke County and worked with Burke County Emergency Services for 23 years.

Mr. Epley is survived by his wife of 25 years, Roxanne “Rocky” Epley; children, Heather Causby (Doug), Zach Wood, Jennifer Hiatt (Chris), Danielle Abernathy (Steven), and Anna Miller (Kyle); grandchildren, Emma Osborne, Addison Causby, Riley Abernathy, Macy Miller, Caisley Miller, Lawton Miller, and Lynleigh Miller; siblings, Cindy Jaynes (Eric), Roy Dwayne Epley (Gina), and Wanda Hege (Kevin); a number of nieces and nephews, and his aunts, Pearl Rowell (Ty) and Linda Bryant. An avid animal lover, he also leaves behind his precious companions, Willie, Sadie, and Rusty.

The graveside service will be held at 2 p.m., Tuesday, April 23, 2024 at Burke Memorial Park.

Memorial contributions may be made to the funeral home to assist with expenses.

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

Tribute Wall



I really wish I had one more chance to say I love you and hug you and I miss you so much I love you I would do anything to get you back

–Addi



I know it has been hard for everyone in my family since you passed but I just keep thinking on how this Christmas and everything else will not be the same I miss you so much I have spent all day crying

–Addi



Rip my favorite grandpa and happy later birthday I miss you so much I just wish I could get u back

–Addi



Rocky and family - we are so sorry for your loss. We are praying for God to comfort you and strengthen you. Love Stella and Steven

–Steven and Stella Brewer

Rocky, May time ease your sorrow and beautiful memories bring you comfort, condolence and peace. My prayers are with you, your family and animal family. Nancy Hasty

—Nancy Hasty



Rocky may time erase your sorrow and beautiful memories bring you some comfort and peace during this most difficult time. My prayers are with you and your family?

—Nancy Hasty

Prayers for peace and comfort during this difficult time. Brenda Earp

—Brenda Earp



—RODNEY NORMAN-Major, Burke County Sheriff's Office



Rip my classmate. Praying for your Family. God makes no mistakes.

—Barbara Berry Perkins

—Debra Ramsey



Rip brother from a brother in the thin red line we have the watch from here

–Tyler Keller

Rest InPeace dear cousin. You well be missed. And Thank you for your years of service

–Terry Epley Minton

–Greg Baker



–Shannon Gragg



–Barbara Elkins