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Douglas Burleson

Oct. 29, 1941 - June 10, 2026

Douglas Burleson, 84 of Morganton, NC passed away, Wednesday, June 10, 2026. Born on October 29, 1941, he was the son of the late Olin and Margaret Burleson. Douglas was a member of Sunnyside Baptist Church. He enjoyed riding horses and training them. Douglas loved helping others with their tools, working on the farm, gardening, and tinkering with things.

Douglas is survived by his wife, Tresia Burleson; sons, Chris Burleson (Elizabeth), Terry Burleson (Pam), and Ed Burleson (Liz); grandchildren, Bella, Grace, Davis, Clark, Bradley, Parker, Luke Burleson, and Lily Berrospe (Danny); brother, Larry Burleson (Joyce); sister, Daris Greenway (Curtis).

In addition to his parents, Douglas was preceded in death by his sisters, Shirley Burleson, Dora Burleson, and Barbara Curtis; brother, Sidney Burleson.

The family will receive friends from 11am until noon, Saturday, June 13, 2026 at Sunnyside Baptist Church. The funeral will be held in the church at noon with the Rev. Clint Ewing officiating. Burial will follow in the church cemetery.

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

Tribute Wall



From Corpening chapel neighborhood church on behalf of Our pastor Rev Howell and members we send our prayers and condolences to Mrs Burleson and family

—Lolita Armstrong

I had the honor of working with Doug closely for many years. Doug always took the time to patiently with a kind word pass along his knowledge and expertise in everything we did. He would let me make mistakes in order to teach me how to do it right that many times was frustrating but overtime I thanked him for it. Doug always looked out for my interests and offered quiet guidance to my life challenges which I will always hold close to my heart. I will miss him and his smile more than I can express we had some very funny things happen together that made us laugh and chuckle about what life serves us each day. His rock, solid faith was always an inspiration to me, especially in my darkest moments. He always encouraged me when I fell to get up and keep going. He was a man of many talents and much kindness. I will never forget his smile and wink when I mess things up and he never judged me only encouraged me. The world needs more people now more than ever like Doug he will be sorely missed by all, and I'll always see him and feel his presence in my life at the farm and in the quiet moments on the land he taught me so much about .May he rest in peace. Miss you bud .

—Pride Sasser

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light the way for us all cousin O:) peace and comfort to family, friends loved ones

—Connie Barrier-Brueser

I was so shocked to hear about my ole friend. Memories came rushing back of the years we worked, hunted, ride horses and just goofed off. My heart is broken. Prayers for Terisa and family.

—Tony Nichols



Doug will truly be missed. I have so many great memories of him. He's free and celebrating now! Heaven has gained another great one and we shall see him again! May God strengthen and comfort all the family.

—Demry Burleson III

Chris and Family, Our hearts ache for you in the loss of your dad. I'm so very sorry. From everything I've heard, Doug was truly a special man, and I know his absence will be deeply felt. It's so hard to lose of the good ones. I pray that you find comfort in the beautiful memories you shared together and in the love that surrounds you now. May God wrap you in His peace during this difficult time, and may the promise of being reunited one day bring you hope… and what a glorious day that will be. You are all in our thoughts and prayers, and we are holding you close in our hearts. With deepest sympathy, Fredia and Wayne

—Fredia & Wayne Scruggs





Doug was an amazing uncle. I will always have great memories of visiting him as a kid. He always got me a drink out of his soda machine in his shop which I thought was awesome. In college he let me bring friends to ride horses. He was patient and kind and always greeted me with a smile. I am very sorry I can't be at the memorial because we are out of town. I cherish wonderful memories of him always.

–Kathie Williamson



Praying for you all

–Chesley Bumgarner

Sending prayers, hugs and love for our neighbors Chris, Elizabeth and Bella. We are so sorry for such a great loss.

–Mark and Jeanette Cline

I was so sorry to hear of Doug's passing. Please let us know if there is anything you need. Our love and prayers are with you guys.

–Bruce and Grethel Elder



Sending my sincere condolences to the Burleson family and loved ones during this difficult time. Though I never met Doug personally, it is clear that he was greatly loved and will be deeply missed. May his memory be a blessing, and may the love and memories you shared bring you comfort and peace in the days ahead.

—Dan Borgaro

Terry and Eddie I’m so sorry for your loss. Love you cousins!!

—Cheryl Perry Cole

Terry, Pam and all the family, so sorry to read that Doug has passed away, he was a fine man,.Art really thought a lot of Him, I bet they've already seen each other in Heaven! Cherish all the memories you have of him. Sending my Love, Thoughts and Prayers

—Ozelle Sotelo