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lay reader in the Episcopal Church. The funeral service will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday, June 6, 2009 at Grace Episcopal Church with the Rev. Bruce Walker officiating. Inurnment will follow in the Columbarium behind the church. After the services, a reception will follow in the parish hall. Memorial contributions may be made to Gallaudet University, Development Office, 800 Florida Ave. NE, Washington, DC

20002 or to the NCSD Museum Fund, PO Box 2681, Morganton, NC 28680. Sossoman Funeral Home is assisting the family with the arrangements.

Tribute Wall

No tributes added yet.