



Ernest Ernie Child

Feb. 15, 1947 - April 4, 2025

Ernest Ernie Child, 78, of Morganton, NC, finally found peace on Friday, April 4, 2025.

Born in Monroe County, NY on February 15, 1947, he was the son of the late Lawrence Ernest Child and Jeanette Schmitz Child.

Ernie was a veteran of the US Coast Guard and retired from the US Army Reserves as Sergeant First Class. Mr. Child also worked for the Internal Revenue Service for 30 years, retiring in 2003. He enjoyed gardening and traveling, but he especially enjoyed spending time outside with his family.

A devoted husband, father, and grandfather, Ernie is survived by his wife, Valerie Margaret Day Child; daughter, Heather Child Duncan (Michael); son, Jonathan Child; granddaughter, Sarah Duncan; and sister, Cheryl Conser.

A celebration of Ernie's life will be held at 1 p.m., Monday, April 14, 2025 in the Colonial Chapel of Sossoman Funeral Home with Dr. Thomas A. Bland, Jr. officiating. Military honors will be provided by the NC National Guard.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Parkinson Disease Association, P.O. Box 61420, Staten Island, NY 10306 (support.apdaparkinson.org) or to Veterans of Foreign Wars, Post 5362, 529 Hopewell Road, Morganton, NC 28655.

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

Visitation

N/A

Service

April 14, 2025

1 p.m.

Sossoman Funeral Home and Crematory Center

Committal

N/A

Tribute Wall

So sorry to hear about Ernie. I worked with him at IRS for many years and sat next to him for several years. Ernie never had a bad word to say about anyone and would give the shirt off his back to anyone in need. I enjoyed hearing about his family, especially how proud he was of his kids. Rest in Peace, Ernie. Bonnie Hitt

—Bonnie Hitt

You are missed, Ernie. You were husband, father, grandfather, veteran, true friend and patriot. The first day we started working together in Cleveland, 1977, we became immediate friends. When you transferred back to Rochester after a few years we kept in touch with phone calls, emails, birthday and Christmas cards. While in Cleveland you never missed driving home to your family for the weekend on I-90 through those blizzards of late 70's. Bless you, Ernie, Val, Johnathan and Heather & Sara.

—Tom McVicker

I remember Ernie from the 98th Division. He was knowledgeable of his job in the military and was a nice guy, who was approachable. He had no problem in giving you a hand, if needed. Rest in Peace Ernie.

—Bing C Reaves Sr.

Having grown up directly across the street from Ernie in Rochester, NY, I can't remember a time when I didn't know him. In all that time, I never had any reason

to say a bad word about him. Having been a charter member of Ernie's "Relaxation Club," I spent many happy hours lying in a pup tent in his back yard, drinking RC Cola and reading comic books. These happy memories of Ernie have lasted 70+ years and, I expect, will continue until I join him. Rest in peace, Ernie! You deserve it.

—Alan Schultz

The Veterans Outreach Center of Rochester NY extends our deepest sympathy in Ernie's passing. We acknowledge and are truly grateful for his service to our country.

—Joan Brandenburg

So very sorry to hear about Ernie. Great neighbor and friend for many years in the 10th Ward. Sending our hugs and prayers to the family. Hoping all the good memories will help you through this difficult time.

—Randy, Chris & Jared Sawyer

RIP soldier, you have earned it!

—Sherm Safford



I moved to South Carolina in 2021 and reached out to my cousin Ernie (My mother was Ernie's Dad's sister) hoping to meet up again with him having not seen him since his Dad's funeral in 1999. Unfortunately his illness prevented us from re-establishing a relationship. While I was not in frequent contact with Ernie , I always understood from my mother Doris and others ,that he was a fine husband ,father and grandfather and a patriot who served his country. I know he is in heaven with the Lord and his parents . Val you have our sincere condolences and prayers in your time of loss. God bless you and your family.

–Jeff and Diane Wooldridge (Cousin Jeff)