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Ernest "Ernie" Wallat

Feb. 20, 1932 - June 12, 2023

Ernest "Ernie" Wallat, 91, of Valdese, NC went to be with his wife Monday, June 12, 2023. What a glorious reunion, as June 13, 2023 would have marked their 67th wedding anniversary.

Born in North Braddock, PA on February 20, 1932, he was the son of the late Ernest Albert Wallat and Edna Parfitt Wallat.

Ernie was an active member of Calvary Lutheran Church where he had served as an usher and on the church council. He was a US Army veteran of the Korean War. Following his service, Ernie worked retail at Mason Department Store, Sky City District Manager, and later managed the Walmart in Marion. Mr. Wallat was a runner who also played racquet ball. He loved dogs and enjoyed being outside.

Mr. Wallat is survived by his daughters, Kathy Womack and Krista Stillwell (Scott); grandchildren, Brandi Kruse (Jeremy) and Kandi Womack; great-grandchildren, A.J. "Little Man" Kruse; sister, Francis Shuttleworth (Rich); dog, Houdini; granddog, Buster; and grandcat, Allie.

In addition to his parents, Ernie was preceded in death by his wife, Esther Koren Wallat; and sister, Nancy Titus.

The family will receive friends from 5 to 7 p.m., Saturday, June 17, 2023 at Sossoman Funeral Home. The funeral will be held at 1 p.m., Sunday, June 18, 2023 at Calvary Lutheran Church with Rev. Paul Carlson officiating. Burial will follow in Hillcrest Cemetery.

Memorial contributions can be made to Calvary Lutheran Church, 119 North King St. Morganton, NC 28655 or to Burke County Friends for Animals, 417 Kirksey Dr. Morganton, NC 28655.

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

Tribute Wall

We were sorry ro learn about Ernie. He was always a pleasure to see and spend time with at family gatherings. He will be missed and thought of with a smile. Prayers to his daughters and their families. Wish we could attend, but my parents are getting up in age, too, and it be impossible to get there in their current state of health. Lots of love and best wishes.

–Kara Canada, Daughter of William and Jean Koren



I will always love you great grand daddy !!

–Aj Kruse

I knew Ernie and Esther from many years ago. Such a nice couple, and he was always a gentleman. He is now reunited with his beloved wife. Thoughts and prayers for your family..

–Laura McCoy



Dear Krista and other family, I'm so sorry for your loss. Please accept my deepest sympathy. The last time I saw Ernie he was coming out of a restaurant in Hickory and I was going in. We hugged each other for a long time, and I'm

so glad we had that time together to get caught up on each other's lives! I want so much to be at receiving friends and the funeral, but I'm in very bad health and bedfast. If you have anything printed, would you send it to me, please? Donnie Honeycutt, P. O. Box 373, Drexel, NC. 28619-0373 You're all in my prayers

—Donnie Honeycutt