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Escar H. Halford

May 8, 1935 - July 6, 2023

Escar H. Halford passed away Thursday, July 6, 2023 at the age of 88. Born May 8, 1935, he was the son of the late Albert H. Halford and Mary Lou Frady Halford. Escar was preceded in death by his wife of 64 years, Juanita Queen Halford; siblings, Meredith Horner, Charles Halford, and Lois Seagle, as well as his stepmother, Melba T. Halford.

He is survived by his children, Donna Halford Stroud and James Halford and wife, Amy; grandchildren, Lauren H. Church (Jake) and Garrett Halford (Kinsley Michaels); and several nieces and nephews.

Escar served in the United States Army from 1959-1961.

He enjoyed farming, especially operating tractors and equipment. Whether planting, making hay, cutting silage or running a combine, many hours were spent on a tractor. Known among farmers as the “Baler Man”, he retired from Marion Equipment Company where he assembled, delivered, and repaired farming equipment for many years.

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The family would like to express appreciation to Christina Biggerstaff at Appalachian Medical-Health and Wellness, Enhabit Home Health from Marion, and the

compassionate staff at Amorem in Hudson, NC.

Memorial contributions may be made to Amorem, 902 Kirkwood Sr. NW, Lenoir, NC 28645.

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

Tribute Wall

So sorry for your loss. We know that Nita and Escar are in a wonderful place.

–William & Linda Michaels



Sam and I are so very sorry to hear about your loss. We will be keeping each of you in our thoughts and prayers. Love, prayers and hugs!

–Susan McCoy



We regret to hear of his passing

–Jackie Rich



James, Donna & family sorry for your loss. Prayer's for your family . Norma & Randy Speagle

–Norma Speagle





I remember when y'all lived next door to us on old Highway 79 in Burke Co. So sorry for your loss. Lance.

–curtiss L. Poteat

James, Amy and family, We are very sorry for your loss, but are rejoicing for him, knowing that he is with his Heavenly Father and his beloved Nita! What wonderful memories of a precious man. I will miss my hugs until we meet again. Love and Prayers! Sharon & Greg and family.

–Greg and Sharon Hughes

It was a privilege to know your Mama and Daddy. Wonderful people. Praying for the family during this difficult season.

–Lori Matthews