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Fred C. Alexander

Feb. 28, 1932 - July 21, 2023

Fred C. Alexander, 91, of Marion, NC, passed away Friday, July 21, 2023.

Born in Roanoke, VA on February 28, 1932, he was the son of Virginia French Wagner Alexander.

Mr. Alexander was raised in Elizabethton, TN. Fred was a veteran of the Tennessee National Guard and the Merchant Marines on the Great Lakes. Fred worked on railroads for 38 years with Norfolk Southern, Clinchfield, and CSX Railroad. He was an avid reader and enjoyed reading his Bible. He also enjoyed watching television, including Charles Stanley. Fred was a private pilot and loved flying, and he was a member of the board of the Marion Airport. Fred was also a past master of Mystic Tie Masonic Lodge #237 and a member of the Ball-Room Dancing Club at the Morganton Senior Center. Fred never missed any sports in which his children were involved, and he was co-founder of the youth football league in McDowell County.

Mr. Alexander is survived by his sons, Byron Alexander (Julie), Bruce Alexander (Jeanette), and Bert Alexander (Jan); grandchildren, Natalie Thompson, Katie Alexander (Jason), Cory Alexander (Hailey), Major Colby Alexander, USAF OKC, and Brayden Alexander; great-grandchildren, Macie Marie Alexander, Bryan Allen Kincaid, and Maggie-Claire Marie Thompson; lady friend and member of the fellow dance

club member, Lorene Farr; and his feline companions, Socks and Bandit.

In addition to his mother, Fred was preceded in death by his wife, Patsy Alexander; and three grandchildren.

The family will receive friends from 10 to 11 a.m., Wednesday, July 26, 2023 at Sossoman Funeral Home. The funeral will be held at 11 a.m. in the Colonial Chapel of the funeral home with Rev. Dr. Paul Raybon officiating. Burial will follow in Burke Memorial Park with masonic rites provided by Mystic Tie Masonic Lodge #237.

Memorial contributions may be made to Mystic Tie Masonic Lodge #237 in Marion.

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

Tribute Wall



Fred was a dear friend of mine for the past 12 years. He loved Ballroom Dancing & spent hours showing me dance steps. He already was a frequent dancer at the Asheville Ballroom & also a Dance Club in Spartanburg, S.C. He had many friends at each of these clubs. His fondest memories were at Burke Senior Center on Tuesday mornings & our Saturday evening dances. Many times he said to me what a good group of friends we had and he never missed a dance until his declining health kept him away. Sympathy to all the family and will always miss and cherish the good times we had at family gatherings & Holiday Parties. Fred rest in peace. Love you, Lorene

—Lorene D. Farr

Having grown up with the Alexander family, we share many memories. Fred was an inspiration and positive influence to me and many others. He was well read and always welcomed an intelligent conversation and sparkled with a unique since of humor as a teacher and mentor to many of us. He will be missed, yet has left us with pleasant memories. Well done good and faithful servant!!

—Jody Price





—Don and Brenda Saunders

Our prayers are with you at this time as you grieve the loss of your Dad. You grew up with our sons and they always admired him. He was a good neighbor and friend. Much love, Marie and Harold Seagle

—Harold and Marie Seagle



Byron and Julie, Bruce and Jeanette, Bert and Jan, sending hugs and prayers for your families as you grieve the loss of your dad. You have and always will be “my boys “ even though we haven’t seen each other in years. Please let me know if I can be of any help to you.

—Priscilla Owenby Golas

Mr. Alexander rented from me for a number of years. He was always such a nice gentleman. Thoughts and prayers for his family.

—Laura McCoy