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Garry "Paw Paw" Ambrose McNeely, Sr.

March 19, 1944 - April 15, 2026

Garry "Paw Paw" Ambrose McNeely, Sr., 82, of Morganton, NC went to his Heavenly Home on Wednesday, April 15, 2026. He was born on March 19, 1944 in Cleveland County to the late William Thor McNeely and Lonnie Lane McNeely. He was a faithful member of Mount Home Baptist Church. Garry retired from Drexel Heritage and still worked in upholstery at his home. He volunteered at Burke United Christian Ministries. Garry loved street rods, NASCAR and Tarheel basketball. He adored his grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his brothers, Doyle, Gilbert, and Hal McNeely; sisters, Dorothy Ford and Pat Brittain; great-grandchild, Milani Coffey.

He is survived by his wife of 60 years, Delores Gatlin McNeely; son, Garry Ambrose McNeely, Jr. (Joy); grandchildren, Brigham McNeely (Lindsi) and Blythe Walker (Chase), Jacob Coffey (Maze) and Jocelyn Benton; great-grandchildren, Marley Johnson, Dominic McNeely, Jovie McNeely and Indy Walker; sisters, Annie R. Towery, Norma J. Fuller (Walter); and numerous nieces, nephews and cousins.

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The family will receive friends from 1:00 p.m. Sunday, April 19, 2026 at Mount Home Baptist Church. The funeral will begin at 3pm in the church with Rev. Ethan Cromer and Rev. Brigham McNeely officiating. Burial will follow in the church cemetery.

The family would like to thank the staff and doctors at Amorem Hospice, especially Heaven, Chelsea, and Josh.

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

Tribute Wall

So sorry to hear bout Garry's passing. Jack and I came to know all the family during our time at Time Saver Market. Delores and all the family will be in my prayers during the difficult days ahead. With love and sympathy, Guinn Huffman

–Guinn Huffman

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I got to meet Garry for the first-time at Drexel either when I was 16-17 years of age, was working summer jobs between high school years, met Ambrose during high school years, condolences to the family.

–Bobby G. Powell Jr

Condolences to Garry's family and friends. He was a good man and always had a kind word for everyone. My father thought highly of Garry.

–Rob Denton

So saddened to hear this. I knew Gary and his family most of my life having growing up in “Petersburg”. Gary was a good person and particular with his cars he always had an old classic. Condolences to the family and his church family and the community.

—Don Smith



Gary you will be missed but I know beyond a shadow of a doubt God has got one awesome angels love ya !

—Peewee whisenant

So sorry Delores, my thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. Garry was a good man.

—Myrtle Cannon



Our prayers are with you in this sad time and for the days ahead. We love you all and may G0ds Mercy and Love give you peace.

—Benny & Barbara Childers

Delores I am so sorry you are going through this. Praying for you and your family.

—Kathy Dameron Bailey



—Carolyn H White

Ambrose and Brigham.....thinking of you and wishing you and your families much love, peace and comfort now, and in the days ahead. Sheila Dill

—Sheila Dill

Delores and family, my heart goes out to all of you in the loss of Garry! We prayed for healing but God had other plans and now he's living a life we can only dream about! Frank and I got to know Garry and you at Mount Home Church

before we moved in 2017! I'm so thankful our paths crossed inthis life! All of you will be in my thoughts and prayers in the coming days! God bless!

–Bobbie Moore

Delores, You are in my thoughts and prayers. Garry was such an awesome man, you were so blessed to have him! Love you

–Rhonda B McCoy



To my loving, and caring 2nd family growing up. Teresa & I are heart broken that Garry has had finished his walk here. He was like a 2nd father to me. He always made time for me, and all others with a smile. Delores we are holding you up in prayer. Just know GOD met Garry as his journey here ends. There is a better day coming, keep your eyes on JESUS. Here if you need us. PS: Ambrose, I love you brother, lean on the JESUS and remember just to breath, GOD has got you all.

–Randy & Teresa Carswell



So sorry for your loss and our thoughts and prayers are with you all!

–Marty and Debbie Aldridge





—Peggy Wilson



—Clay and Kathy Tomlinson



—Chelsea Schwind



Sending prayers to the McNeely family. He was such a nice man.

—Ashley

Condolences to the entire family. Our prayers are with all of you. Garry was a fine man.

—Jack and Bobbie Cox

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Delores and family so sad to hear about Garry our thoughts and prayers are with you all at this time. Sincerely , James and Darlene Suttle

—Darlene and James Suttle

Sending hugs and prayers to you and your family! Peace to all!

—Cynthia Ross

I have know Garry since we were small children. Always loved him. He always had an easy smile and a kind word for everyone. I will not be able to attend his service as I am out of town. But, my thoughts and love will go out to Delores, his children as well as his sisters during this difficult time.

—Faye Buxton



Delores, Ambrose and family, Though Garry may be gone, his presence is felt in every cherished memory. The world has lost a beautiful soul - Rest in peace my friend!

—Charles "Eddie" Talbert & Susan Gordon