



Harlen "Junior" Dula

Sept. 11, 1950 - Nov. 7, 2025

Harlen "Junior" Dula, 75, of Morganton, NC went to his Heavenly home on Friday, November 7, 2025. He was born on September 11, 1950 in Burke County, NC to the late Harlen Dula and Pearl Smith Dula. He was a member of Rainhill Wesleyan Church and a veteran of the US Army. He was stationed in Vietnam for thirteen months and was a member of the 101st Airborne Division. Junior retired from Southern Devices. He was a fifty year member of the Brendletown Fire Department where he served as the Chief Captain. He was the first EMT and a First Responder at Brendletown.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a sister, Debra Marlene Dula.

He is survived by his wife of fifty-four years, Wanda Holland Dula; daughter, Donna D. Keller (Bart); grandchildren, Tyler Keller and Austin Keller.

The family will receive friends from 1pm-2pm on Wednesday, November 12, 2025 at Sossoman Funeral Home. The funeral will begin at 2pm in the Colonial Chapel of the funeral home with Rev. Kevin Brooks and Rev. Marty Bess officiating. Burial will follow at Rainhill Wesleyan Church. Military honors will be provided by the NC

National Guard.

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

Tribute Wall



Rest easy brother we got it from here

—Brett Davidson



Wanda and Donna I am so sorry for your loss. Junior was a kind and loving husband and father. He was always so kind and had a smile on his face. Remember Wanda Robbie loves you and you will always and forever have a special place in my Heart.

—Robbie Powell



—Janet Baird



Donna, I can't begin to imagine the pain you're feeling right now, but please know that you're not alone. May you find comfort in all the beautiful memories you shared with your dad, and may those moments bring you peace during the



difficult days ahead. Wishing you strength and sending you all my love.

—Johnnie Carswell

Oh no-I hate to hear this. Wanda-I'm sorry. I always loved seeing Junior at First Responder and Fire calls. He was ALWAYS great to see and talk to, and I could ALWAYS go to him for the "no BS" "down-and-dirty" version of what we were dealing with. Alternately, if I didn't have a clear idea of what we (LE) were needed for, I would go to Junior and say "What do you need from me/us?" He was always in the know! A great man and great servant to the community.

—David Kiser (Morganton)



Very sorry to hear about Jr's. passing. He was a great friend not only to me but, everyone he met. He was a mentor at the fire department. I truly loved Jr. as I would my father. Rest in peace my friend, till we meet again. Prayers to Wanda and Donna.

—ROBERT YELTON

So sorry for your loss, Ive been where your standing . Praying for each of you. Prayers for the peace and comfort of the Holy Spirit during this difficult time

—Sonny Sisk

Donna, I am so very sorry to hear of your Dad's passing! He was such a wonderful person. George thought so very highly of him. I can imagine they will be talking military stories to each other. I love you so much. I wish I could tell you how to feel I want to do, but I can't. Remember, I will always be by your side if you ever need to talk. I love you dearly. Linda McIntosh.

—Linda McIntosh

—Kristi Street



So sorry Jr. was a great friend and person.

—James Pearson