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Henry M. Ramseur

April 24, 1931 - June 6, 2026

Henry M. Ramseur, 95, of Morganton, NC passed away on Saturday, June 6, 2026 at his home. He was born on April 24, 1931, in the Lost Corner community of Burke County to the late William F. Ramseur and Esther Simpson Ramseur. Henry attended Oak Hill Elementary, Morganton High School and graduated from NC State College of Agriculture and Engineering with a degree in Animal Science in 1954.

Henry was a Veteran of the United States Army and retired from the US Army Reserve as a Lieutenant Colonel.

He completed Army Command and General Staff College. He worked for the NC Department of Agriculture and served as the County Extension Chairman of Alexander County and Director of the Agricultural Extension Service in Wilkes County.

Many areas of interest and support included Burke Sunrise Rotary club, North Carolina State Alumni Association, the Morganton chapter of AARP. He was a member of Quaker Meadows Presbyterian Church and was a former member of First Presbyterian Church of Morganton where he served as an Elder.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his brothers, William S. Ramseur, Walter F. Ramseur and Dr. George S. Ramseur.

He is survived by his wife of 73 years, Penina Bowden Ramseur; daughters, Mary Louise Ramseur, Carolyn Ritchie (Dennis) and Nina Rexrode (Byron); grandchildren, Crystal Webb (Dale), Marie Leonard (Kaden), Julia Warren (Andrew Kilkenny) and Jacob Warren; great-grandchildren, Bennette Webb and Henry L. Webb; sister, Nancy McMurray (Birch).

The family will receive friends from 11am until 12pm on Saturday, June 13, 2026, at Quaker Meadows Presbyterian Church Fellowship Hall. The funeral will begin at 12pm in the church with Rev. Andy Parkey officiating. Burial will follow in the Forney Family Cemetery at 2:00 pm on Saturday with military honors provided by the NC National Guard.

Memorial contributions may be made to Quaker Meadows Presbyterian Church, 2698 NC 181, Morganton NC.

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

Tribute Wall



Thinking about you all today. Prayers for comfort and direction. Henry was a special person and will definitely be missed.

—Rebecca Neu



Oh Henry! Such a pleasure getting to know Henry and Penina recently. I was so impressed by Henry's wisdom, such a great man! My thoughts and prayers go out to his wonderful Wife and family

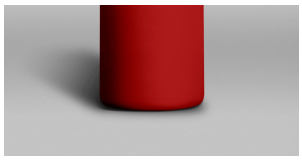
—Bonnie Tremblay

I came to know Henry in my later life after hearing about his generosity and kindness to others. I was so lucky to interview him about his life history at his home in late 2023. And, what great stories he told about growing up, military service, family, neighbors, and his many friends. His recall of events and people was amazing. We need more Henry Ramseurs in this world. He will be missed. My condolences to his family and friends.

—Jimmy Warlick



There shall never be another Henry Ramseur! During his tenure with NC Cooperative Extension, he was a well known and respected agent (or so I was told as a newbie agent)!



and respected agent (or so I was told as a newbie agent)! Henry loved Extension and was a large fan of NCSU. God bless the family with peace.

—Lynne Qualls

I was in the Rotary Club of Burke Sunrise with Henry and he always made me smile. He brought life and energy to the early morning meetings. I have a small farm and we always connected over gardening, and raising farm animals. Boy could he tell a story and a joke. His wit and personality were readily apparent and his love for his family obvious. He brought his wife, daughter and even his visiting brother to our meetings. Henry was a man that you remembered and revered. He will be missed.

—Larry Carpenter

Henry was a fine man and great storyteller. My mom's family (the Lane's) knew Henry and the family since childhood, and Henry and my uncle went to State together. My mom and dad truly enjoyed being around Henry and Penina. He will be missed! Blessings to the family- Debbie Bradley

—Debbie (Lane) Bradley