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James Hughes

Feb. 23, 1954 - Nov. 8, 2021

James Hughes, 67, of Morganton, NC, passed away surrounded by his family in his home, on Monday, November 8, 2021 after a courageous fight with cancer.

James was born at Grace Hospital on February 23, 1954 to the late James and Betty Hughes. A graduate of Morganton High School, he had several jobs before he joined Dana Corporation in 1983. Many friends were made while he was employed for 33 years until he retired in 2016. But most importantly, he met his wife, Jill (Decker) there, and they were married for 33 years making a lifetime of memories.

James was an avid fisherman who loved to tell a good fishing story. He would chase a good (secret) Crappie fishing hole all over North Carolina. James and Jill were members of the Morganton Goldwing Chapter Y. He enjoyed working on his 1966 Dodge Charger, possibly owning every tool known to man who would gladly give help or let you borrow anything needed.

James never met a stranger; all who met him enjoyed a good joke, hearty laugh, and left with a smile. Although friends were a big part of his life, his real joy came from spending time with his wife, Jill and family. He loved his three children, Jacob Hughes (Diane), Holly Tallent (Phillip), and Benjamin Hughes (Michelle). He was blessed with grandchildren, Hunter Hughes, Tucker Tallent (Macy), Dalton Tallent

(Patterson), Bailey Tallent, and Cooper Hughes. No one could doubt how proud he was to have the title of dad and pawpaw. He is also survived by his sister, Janice Harwell (David).

The family will receive friends from 4:00pm to 5:00pm on Thursday, November 11, 2021 at El Bethel Baptist Church. A memorial service will follow at 5:00pm in the church with Rev. Justin Cunningham officiating.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations made to Amorem Hospice and El Bethel Baptist Church for their kindness and care.

Sossoman Funeral Home and Crematory Center is assisting the family with the arrangements. Condolences may be sent to the family by visiting www.sossomanfh.com.

Tribute Wall

I have fond memories of doing things with James and he loved his motorcycles.

–Jeff Patrick