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James "Jim" Wise

April 1, 1939 - July 4, 2023

James "Jim" Wise, 84, of Morganton, NC, went home to be with the Lord on Tuesday, July 4 ,2023.

Born in Burke County, NC on April 1, 1939, he was the son of the late Herman Wise and Ruth Rudisill Wise.

Jim was a hard-working truck driver and dedicated employee for Drexel Heritage and Henredon until they closed.

He enjoyed the simple things, like growing a big garden and giving everything out of it away. He was proud of his yard and keeping the grass mowed. If a neighbor was sick, he would mow their yard too. Jim never met a stranger and loved asking who their family was and where they were from. He assigned nicknames to his friends that stuck for life. "Night Rider" was his name on the CB radio but later that changed to Pappy after his first grandchild came along. He was the unofficial opener at Allison's restaurant most mornings. He loved his Ford pickup, "Ol Blue." He looked forward to the yearly fishing trips at Santee Cooper with the other drivers. He was the best storyteller around and gave better driving directions than a map. He was a member of Brookwood Baptist church. Jim served honorably in the United States

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James is survived by his wife, Ruby Wise; daughter, Kathy Robinson; grandchildren, Sarah Robinson and James Robinson; brother, Robert “Bob” Wise; nieces, Barbara

Miller, Jeanette Cline, and Robin Wise; nephews, Dennis Wise, Terry Wise, Johnny Wise, Jerry Wise, and Jeff Wise; and numerous cousins.

In addition to his parents, James was preceded in death by his brothers, David Wise and Jerry Wise.

The family will receive friends from 11 to 12 p.m., Saturday, July 8, 2023 at Sossoman Funeral Home. The graveside service will follow at Forest Hill Cemetery with Pastor Earl Cross officiating. Military Honors will be provided by the Army National Guard and the Caldwell County Veterans Honor Guard.

Tribute Wall

Jim never failed to bring a smile to my face each day at work. One of the finest gearjammers I ever met. Jehovah God has you in his memory and I look forward to seeing you again on this Paradise Earth in the near future.

—Shirtail

Ruby, am so sorry to learn of Jim's passing. I heard this yesterday, the 10th. at Mount Home. Ervin thought a lot of Jim. Much love!

—Ervin and Jean Simmons



Sorry for your loss.

—Geraldine Bush

We are so sorry for your loss. You are all in our thoughts. With love, Will and Linsi

—Will and Linsi Riddle

—Sunny and James Brown

Ruby and family so very sorry to learn of Jim’s death. I saw him really often when

Roy and I lived next door to Maw and Paw Rudicell.He was such a good friend and so good to all his family. Maw and Paw really loved Jim. I became really close to all the family and was treated like one of their own. Again Ruby I am sorry. Joe

–Joe Phillips

I'm so sorry for your loss. I can't imagine how proud he must have been of his daughter and grandchildren.

–John Latz



I am so sorry I am not going to make it to the funeral I am out of town and I am not going to make it home in time. But I want you and your family to know your in my thoughts and Prayers.

–Cindy Hicks

My condolences to the Wise family. Have fond memories of Jim , he and I did some trucking together back in the day. I can still hear him telling a story at the old truck stops. My mother Mary (Rudisill) Suttle thought the world of the Wise family. Rest in peace Jim your legacy will live for a long time. Wayne and Leona Suttle

–Wayne Suttle



I'm so sorry for your loss. Jim was doing Gods work for family, neighbors, friends & strangers He has returned home, into the loving arms of Jesus Christ our Savior. Prayers for family & friends.

–Amelia Dillard Fox



ruby.i am so sorry to see that jim has passed away. he was so nice to me when I went with robert.well see him again in heaven. if you need me call 8284432352.

—Brenda Morris Sparks

I miss my neighbor who was always there for an interesting conversation. I think he knew everyone in Burke County.

—John Suttle



I am so sorry to here about Jim. My prayers are with you and the family.

—Susan Paterno



You will surely be missed. Love you Jim.

—Deborah Carico, aka TommyToe



Thank you for your service young man, God bless and God's speed.

—David Buchanan