



James "Jimmy" Gallion

Aug. 25, 1945 - Feb. 3, 2026

James "Jimmy" Gallion, 80, of Morganton, NC, went home to be with his Lord and Savior on Tuesday, February 3, 2026.

Born in Jacksonville, FL on August 25, 1945, he was the son of the late Leroy Gallion and Frances Burgin Fredell.

Jimmy was a member of Smyrna Baptist Church where he served as a deacon. Jimmy worked and retired from Henredon Furniture in Spruce Pine after 32 years of service. He also worked for 2 years at Ethan Allen and at McDonalds in Newland, where he earned the nickname, Pops. His wife's father also gave him the nickname, Half-pint, because he was no gallon. He loved singing, Gospel music, and playing cards with his grandchildren. Jimmy always had a smile on his face.

Those left to cherish his memory include his wife, Stella Ann Barrier Gallion; children, Judy Beck (Johnny) and Jimmy John Gallion (Crystal); grandchildren, Elizabeth, Dawn, Sammy, Jessie, D.J., Johnathan, Harley, Anna, Gage, Jack, and Ashley; 24 great-grandchildren; brothers, Rev. Paul Mace (Yvonne) and Rev. Allen Fredell (Raylene); sisters, Juanita Xavier, Sharon Rose Dale (Grant), and Elizabeth "Lib" Patton (Randolph); and numerous nieces, nephews, and extended family.

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The family will receive friends from 1 to 3 p.m., Friday, February 6, 2026 at Smyrna Baptist Church. The funeral will follow at 3 p.m. in the church with Revs. Paul Mace,

Charlie Bradley, and Steve Williams officiating. The graveside service will be held at noon, Saturday, February 7, 2026 in the church cemetery..

Memorial contributions may be made to The Gideons International or to Medi-Home Hospice.

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

Tribute Wall

—Crystal Gallion



Half pint was the sweetest and kindest little man that always had the happiest smile for everyone he met. My prayers go out to the family.

—Debbie Ollis



I worked with Half Pint for years. One of the sweetest kindest human beings you could ever meet. Im so very sorry for your loss of this precious soul

—Sylviaj Miller

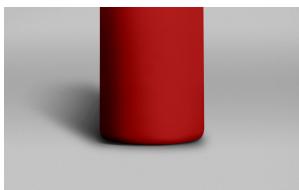


We are sad to hear about Jimmy's passing but we know he is in a wonderful place with no pain or suffering. Jimmy was always a special person and so kind to everyone. All our prayers are for Stella and the family .

—Wanda Beam Maloney



Prayers for all the family Jimmy will be missed by all who



knew him

—roy henson

Stella.... So sorry to see the obituary for Jimmy! We loved getting to worship for a short time at Smyrna with you and Jimmy. He loved the Lord and loved to get up there and sing!!! God bless you and the family.

—Randy and Brenda Clark

He was such a sweet an kind man. Always had a smile for you. I was very blessed to have known him. He will be greatly missed. JEANETTE JORDAN

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You all are in my thoughts and prayers.

—Lisa Stamey