



James Luther "Paw"
Johnson

Jan. 9, 1944 - Oct. 18, 2026

James Luther "Paw" Johnson, 82, of Morganton, NC, passed away unexpectedly on Sunday, October 18, 2026 while surrounded by his family.

Born in Burke County, NC on January 9, 1944, he was the son of the late Walter Johnson and Eula Baker Johnson.

James was the youngest of 6 children and lived on his family farm, his favorite place to be, until his death. He was fond of giving others nicknames, and he was known to tell a good story. He held various jobs throughout his career, including working at Henredon, Drexel Heritage, Brackett Brothers, and owning his own grading business. However, his favorite job was farmer.

James is survived by his wife of 58 years, Peggy Johnson; son, Steve Johnson and wife, Joy; daughter, Alicia Crawley and husband, Jeff; grandchildren and the light of his life, Dillon Johnson and wife, Mikayla, Jonathan Crawley, Morgan Johnson, Nick Johnson, and Kelly Crawley; great-grandchildren, Colten and Amelia Johnson, and one on-the-way, Camryn Johnson; sisters, Rebecca Dale and Linda Benton; his fur-companion, Gus; and numerous nieces, nephews, and extended family.

In addition to his parents, Paw was preceded in death by sisters, Mattie Suttle and Lucille Norman, and brother Melvin Johnson.

LUCINE NORMAN, and BROTHER, MELVIN JOHNSON.

The family will receive friends from 5 to 6 p.m., Friday, October 23, 2026 at Nowlings Chapel Free Will Baptist Church. A celebration of James' life will follow at 6 p.m. in the church with Rev. Darvy Hensley and Rev. Jeff Duncan officiating.

Memorial contributions may be made to Brendletown Fire Department, 5157 US 64, Morganton, NC 28655.

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

Tribute Wall



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