



Jim Crawley

Oct. 9, 1942 - March 9, 2024

Jim Crawley, 81, of Morganton, NC, died Saturday, March 9, 2024.

Born in Burke County, NC on October 9, 1942, he was the son of the late Junior W. Crawley and Ruth Beatrice Watson Crawley.

Jim was a member of Mountain View #2 Baptist Church. He was a dedicated member of West End Fire Department for 28 years, 15 of which he served as Chairman of the Board. On October 6, 2019, West End Station #1 was dedicated in his honor.

Jim is survived by his wife of 61 years, Judy Williams Crawley; children, Tracy Crawley (Laura) and Belinda Helms (Scott); grandchildren, Wilson Crawley (Ashley), Grant Helms (Victoria), Evan Crawley (Janaye), and Brandon Helms; great-grandchildren, Ian Crawley, Hunter Crawley, and Owen Crawley; siblings, Frances McKinney and Debra Angley (John); and numerous nieces and nephews.

The family will have a private graveside service.

Memorial contributions may be made to West End Fire Department, Attn. Randall Brackett, P.O. Box 1217, Glen Alpine, NC 28628.

The family would like to thank Dr. Gessner for his patience and compassionate care.

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Tribute Wall

What sweet memories I have of Jim and our families going camping together many years ago as a child. Then as an adult getting to teach with his son Tracy for 8 years, a person that I would look up to and admire for so many reasons. Your family is in my many thoughts and prayers. Love to you all. Connie and Wendell

—Connie D Fox

It was sad to hear about Jim's passing. Jim is the one who got me into West End Fire Department. He was a friend to everyone he met. Always had a smile on his face. Was a good leader and was a very smart man. Even though I haven't seen him in years I have never forgotten how kind he was, I know he will be truly missed by his family, I am praying for you and may God ease your pain, just remember Jim as a kind and loving person. R.I. P. Jim.

—Gary Rich



—Debra Hefner Bauer

Judy, I just wanted to scream No, No, No when I read this obit. We always had such a good time, laughing and talking about our 'shoe store'. We would phone each other just out of the blue to catch up. I just thought, I guess, that I would go by

and visit, again, when I had time. But, now, that visit will be in Heaven, which brings me comfort. I am praying for you, the kids, grands, and all the family, which he was so proud of. A truly special man. Jack and I loved him as our HVAC

man, who became our dear friend. Sympathy and love to all of you, Guinn Huffman

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Judy & Family, so sorry to hear the passing of Jim... He was a special man and will be missed... You are in our thoughts and prayers... Love to all of you... Betty and Randy Biggerstaff

—Betty & Randy Biggerstaff

Our prayers for all the family. Jim has always been a wonderful friend to us. He will be missed but we'll see him again . We know Jim has been talking up a storm, and walking around in good health just like he was in his younger years. Judy we love you and we will do anything to help you at anytime!

—Peggy and Tony McLean



Judy, Tracy and Belinda and family. I am so sorry for your loss. I enjoyed having him at GH when he was here, and spending time with him at West End when I could. He was such a sweet man. He will be truly missed, but you can take comfort in knowing you will see him again in heaven. You will be in my thoughts and prayers! Love you all-Charlene

—Charlene McCall



—Anonymous

Tracey and family, My deepest sympathy for your loss. May God bless you all!

—Glenda Truax



—Tyler Keller



—Anonymous

We remember the great times and they will forever be in our hearts. We remember the times Jim was always there for us, like when my dad died. That is just one of the times. We know he will be greatly missed but you will be together again. He has always been such a beautiful, loving person and now his pain is gone forever. We love all of you and will always be in our prayers. God Bless you all.

—Danny and Brenda Long