



*John Christopher
Stilwell*

Aug. 2, 1953 - April 14, 2025

John Christopher Stilwell, 71, of Morganton, NC, passed away Monday, April 14, 2025.

Born in Burke County, NC on August 2, 1953, he was the son of the late Burgin Lester Stilwell and Geneva Kate Harris Stilwell.

John was a member of Antioch Baptist Church. He dearly loved his church and his family. Mr. Stilwells hobbies included fishing, making flowers, and going out to eat.

John is survived by his wife of 44 years, Geneva Ritchie Stilwell; sons, Allen C. Stilwell (Danielle) and David L. Stilwell (Ashley); grandchildren, Madison, Kenzie, and Kylee; brothers, Joel Stilwell (Mary Lou), Alex Stilwell (Jamie), Dean Stilwell (Cindy), and Dennis Stilwell (Roxanne); sister, Teresa Stilwell; and numerous nieces and nephews.

In addition to his parents, John was preceded in death by a sister, Sue West; and a brother, Billy Stilwell.

The family will receive friends from 1 to 2 p.m., Friday, April 18, 2025 at Antioch Baptist Church. The funeral will be held at 2 p.m. in the church with Pastor Ronnie Burgett officiating. Burial will follow in the church cemetery.

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

Visitation

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April 18, 2025

1 p.m. - 2 p.m.

Visitation Details

Service

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Committal

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Tribute Wall

Thank You, Dad After a long and courageous battle with his health, my Dad has gone home to be with the Lord. While our hearts are heavy, we are comforted knowing he is finally at peace in the presence of his Savior, Jesus Christ. Thank you, Dad, for the life you lived — one marked by quiet strength, deep faith, and steadfast love. You were unashamed of your faith, and it shaped everything you did. In every challenge, you held onto hope. In every moment of uncertainty, you trusted God. And in the way you loved us — patiently, generously, unconditionally — you showed us the heart of Christ. Thank you to those who prayed with us, stood by us, and encouraged us during this long journey. Your love and support have been a blessing we will never forget. Though we miss him dearly, we take comfort in knowing that this goodbye is not forever. Because of Jesus, we have the promise of eternal life, and we know we'll see Dad again. Well done, good and faithful servant. Love you forever, Dad.

—Allen C. Stilwell



Rest in Peace, uncle John!

—Amanda Stilwell

My good friend Allen, we are so sorry to hear about your loss. May the Lord may the Lord comfort you and your family in these days. We know he was very proud of you. In God's love, Dallas and Karen

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—Dallas and Karen Norrid

So sorry for your loss, may God give you all comfort and peace in this difficult time

—Sandy Mikevand Jeff Stiles

So sorry for your loss Geneva. Love and miss you. John was a wonderful person whom will be dearly missed. Brenda

—Brenda W Penley

My brother was the bravest person i ever knew .From early in his life he endured many heart surgeries once having a stint placed inside another stint I thought wow ,another time surgery for bladder cancer. Once Dr's gave him 6 monthe to live and he told them he was not going until God said it's time. He out live these Doctors some by 30 years all this and he held on to his faith in God. He had more quanity than quality of life yet he kept faith that things would get better and It did for awhile, but how in the world he went through so many operations and kept his faith was a mystery to me. John may be gone from this earthly life but he has no more pain or suffering. I love you brother.

—Alex Stilwell

My condolences to the family and especially Joel David Stilwell. God bless them all

—Michael Allen



Dear Allen, My heart and prayers go out to you and your family during this difficult time. Sincerely, Julie Harris

Julie Harris



—June Harris