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Johnny Andrew Willaims

June 19, 1952 - Sept. 8, 2023

Johnny Andrew Williams, 71, of Morganton, passed away on Friday September 8th after a period of declining health.

Johnny was born on June 19, 1952. He was the son of the late Johnston Lenoir Williams and Murline Childress Williams.

In addition to his parents, Johnny was proceeded in death by his beloved Aunt Mary and Uncle Max Booth and their daughter Katharine Booth Bartholomew, Uncle Troyal Williams, Uncle Manley and Aunt Wilma Williams, and Aunt Henrietta Williams and cousin Jimmy Williams.

Johnny is survived by his cousin and care-givers Martha Ann Franklin and husband Ron, cousins Mildred Guthrie, Janet Smith, and Gene Williams. Other surviving relatives are cousins Kathy Eury, Buzz and Bob Bartholomew, Jeff and Jon Ripley, Hank and Mark Williams. In addition, he is survived by special friends – Donald Church, Cherry Holden, Brenda Williams, Jeff Poteet, Mark Coffey, Marcia McCall, and Alex Osorao.

Johnny graduated from Patterson School in 1971. He attended Lees McRae College and graduated from McDowell Technical Institute in Electrical Installation and Maintenance in 1976. He apprenticed with “Boots” Tolbert and later owned and

Maintenance in 1970. He apprenticed with "Boots" Tolbert and later owned and operated his own business Williams Electric for several years. He also worked at Triangle Electric.

For many years Johnny had a home in Fonta Flora on the Linville River. He loved nature and the out of doors – hunting, fishing, camping and hiking in the Gorge –

especially with his pet goat Boaz.

Johnny loved his family and his country and proudly served in the Air National Guard for 27 years reaching a rank of Tsgt.

He will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved him. The family wishes to thank College Pines for their compassionate care of Johnny while at their facility.

Per his wishes, the family will have a private service at Linville River.

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

Tribute Wall

Many memories with Johnny over the years from hiking with him in the gorge in his teenage years to fishing for walleye at his place on the Linville River. We would often end the day with a shot or two of his favorite whiskey. Good Times! RIP old friend!

–Ed Meyers

Haven't seen Johnny since high school but I know he loved a good time! Thank you for your service. Soar high with your Angel wings!

–Loretta Poole Moses

Jonny was a standup guy. He helped me get started in the electrical trade. Working with him at Boots Tolbert Electric has been a favorite memory for me. Boots once commented; if we didn't have to carry so many ladders!! We could get a lot more supplies on the trucks. We had more fun working than I've ever had in any other job. He definitely shall be missed. Rest in peace brother Johnny. Respect!!

–Mike Clontz



Martha and Ron, So sorry to hear about Johnny. You and your family are in my thoughts and prayers. He was so lucky to have you and Ron as his caregivers. He will always be missed. Love, Judy Lane Davis



—Judy Lane Davis

So sorry to hear of your loss. Prayers for family and friends.

—Shirley Dale

So sorry to lose another one of my good friends. Johnny did a lot of work for me in the past and I will miss him greatly. He was a wonderful person and a joy to be around. Prayers for his family.

—Grier Franklin