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Joseph Ray Hipps

March 8, 1927 - Nov. 11, 2026

Joseph Ray Hipps, 99, of Morganton, NC passed away Wednesday, November 11, 2026. He was born on March 8, 1927 to the late Doctor Franklin and Mamie Taylor Hipps. He was married to the late Lola Bell Denton Hipps.

Ray is survived by his daughters, Shirley Elizabeth Simpson (Donald) of Little River, SC; Linda Corn (Kenneth) of Hendersonville, NC and son, Ronald Lee Hipps (Donita) of Valdese, NC.

Ray was the proud grandfather of eight grandchildren; LeeAnn Earl (Dennis) of Morganton, NC, John Joseph Hipps (Jennifer) of King, NC, Ronald Lee Hipps, Jr. of Connelly Springs, NC, Keri R Thomas (Carson) of Blythwood, SC, Reagan L Reasoner (Justyn) of Drexel, NC, Donald Garrett Hips of Valdese, NC, Christy E. Fulbright of Morganton, NC, and Todd Corn of Hendersonville, NC; 32 great-grandchildren; and 15 great-great-grandchildren.

In addition to his parents and wife, Ray is preceded in death by his brothers, Carl Madison Hipps, Thurman Lee Hipps, Paul William Hipps, James Marvin Hipps, Clifford Franklin; and sisters, Bonnie (Sue) Williams, and Della Mae Williams.

The family will receive friends from 2 until 3 p.m., Saturday, November 14, 2026 at Mtn. View #2 Baptist Church on Dysartville Road. The funeral service will begin at

Mtn. View #2 Baptist Church on Dysartville Road. The funeral service will begin at 3pm in the church with Rev. Larry Combs and Rev. Donald Farris officiating. Burial will follow in the church cemetery.

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

Tribute Wall

No tributes added yet.