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Larry "Blue Tick" Reece

April 14, 1942 - March 28, 2023

Larry "Blue Tick" Reece, 80, of Morganton, NC, went home to be with Jesus on Tuesday, March 28, 2023.

Born in Burke County, NC on April 14, 1942, he was the son of the late Buford Tessie Reece and Viola Martha Lowman Reece.

Blue Tick was a veteran of the 173rd Airborne Brigade of the US Army and a Christian. Following his military service, he was proud of being a meat cutter for Giant Foods. He owned and operated Dale's Feed and Seed for 25 years and retired to Pawley's Island. Blue Tick played golf, loved sports, and in his younger days he was a Golden Glove boxer.

Mr. Reece is survived by his wife, Betty Regan Reece; grandsons, Christopher and Justin Reece; sisters, Charlotte R. Rorie, Phyllis R. Ross (Wayne), and Bonnie R. Turnbull; and his niece and caregiver, Stephanie Goins.

In addition to his parents, Blue Tick was preceded in death by his son, Michael Reece; brothers, Leonard, Ted, and Don Reece; and sister, Reba R. Parise.

The family will receive friends from 1 to 2:30 p.m., Saturday, April 1, 2023 at Sossoman Funeral Home. The funeral will be held at 2:30 p.m. in the Colonial Chapel

of the funeral home with Ministers Ken Pinney, Curtis Bauske, and Loren Spellman officiating. Burial will follow in Burke Memorial Park.

Memorial contributions may be made to Amorem Hospice, 902 Kirkwood Street, NW, Lenoir, NC 28645.

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

Tribute Wall

larry a good friend of mine for alot of years thank you larry rip

–albert deal

So sorry for your loss Betty. You are in my prayers.

–Judy Rector



Tick was quite the character and will definitely be missed. May you find some peace and comfort knowing he will suffer no more. May God bless you all.

–Kelly Lentz

Tick you were a great friend and was to many I hope you have the first tee time on the golden course , we will play again someday

–Jeff Morton

Larry graduated from Drexel High School. A highlight of his life was playing football under Coach Shull . Larry was an avid Brooklyn Dodger Baseball team fan. He loved the World Series. After school he enjoyed parachuting out of airplanes. His cousins were the Lowmans Reeces and Paiges. His grandfather was Will Reece and Lizzie who lived in Drexel. His grandmother Martha Lowman lived in Connelly Springs.

–Carolyn Davis

I AMGOING TO MISS YOU. YOU WERE FUN TO PLAY WITH. LIN HOWE CONOVER

–Linwood Howe

Please accept these prayers and blessings on behalf of the Blue Ridge Senior Men's Golf Association. Larry was a very special friend to all who knew him. Blessings to the family and friends who he was a member of. The membership of the B.R.S.M.G.A. will miss our friend and golf partner. Comfort to each one of the family during this time. Phil Hennessee, B.R.S.M.G.A. Board Member.

–Phil Hennessee

I am sorry for your loss. Cherish your memories. You are in my thoughts and prayers .

–Cathy Hyde

–Brenda Denton



Hold on to your memories, and let them guide you during this time of sadness. Wishing you and your family strength and peace. Rex Y. & Nina L. Carpenter

–Nina Kay Leonhardt Carpenter

Betty , I am so sorry for your loss of Tick we were good friends for many years. He was always good to me. Our prayers and thoughts are with you and the family at this time. I’m sorry I won’t be in town to be able to come to the visitation and funeral, but may the Lord comfort you during these times.

—Brice McGlamery