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Leroy Horney

March 27, 1952 - Aug. 6, 2024

Leroy Horney, 72, of Morganton, NC, passed away Tuesday, August 6, 2024 while surrounded by his family.

Born in Avery County, NC on March 27, 1952, he was the son of the late Solomon and Fannie Horney.

Leroy worked as a crane operator at SGL Carbon. He enjoyed fishing, working in hayfields, and keeping a team of mules. He was affectionately called the mule-man by his late son, Vernon Jay Horney.

Leroy is survived by his children's mother, former wife, and best friend, Kathy Horney; daughter, Wanda Clark (Jamie); grandchildren, Kyle Clark, Kelby Clark, Levi Horney (Erika), Jesse Horney (Jennifer), Matt Moretz, and Aaliyah Rudisill; great-grandchildren, Nathan, Lincoln, Emery, Madison, Daisy, and Macy; daughter-in-law, Melissa Horney Gwyn (Keith); sister, Janette Harris (Mike); brother, Vic Horney (Sandra); brothers-in-law, Mike McGuire (Francis), and Dean McGuire (Earline); sisters-in-law, Madeline Horney, Adelaide Horney, Charyle Horney, Martha Gwyn (Howard) Wanda McGuire, Hazel McGuire, and Lisa McGuire; and numerous extended family.

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The family will receive friends from 2 to 3 p.m., Saturday, August 10, 2024 at Elk Valley Baptist Church. The funeral will be held at 3 p.m. in the church with Rev. Rocky Reese officiating. There will also be a special speaker, Mike Harris. Burial will follow in the church cemetery.

The family would like to extend a special thanks to West End Volunteer Fire Department, Burke County EMS, Burke County Community Paramedic Tina Stamey, Carolina Caring Hospice and Palliative Care, and UNC Health – Blue Ridge, Morganton.

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

Tribute Wall

To a beloved coworker and dear friend. We enjoyed working together having laughs and also..serious talks about God and the world here after..will always miss you...your friend forever .....Harvey Fritts and family

–Harvey Fritts

We are sorry for your loss. W e are thinking of you all at this difficult time.

–Dean & Earline McGuire

Wanda I am so sorry to learn of your Dad's passing. He is now in a much better place. You and the family are in my thoughts and prayers.

–Sandra Reynolds



Kathy, Wanda & family so sorry for your loss. I've known this family for many years. I use to babysit Vernon and Wanda. My grandparents Ralph & Margaret were friends since childhood with Sol & Fannie. Always Loved Leroy & Kathy's family, I knew most of Leroy's family & some Kathy's brothers. My Dad & brother worked with Leroy at GLC. Praying for you during this time & the day's a head. Love each one of you may God Bless you.

–Randy & Norma Hughes Speagle

My condolences to Kathy Horney and family. Kathy and I used to work together several years ago and I had met some of the family members. We still keep in touch and I was shocked when I read this obit today. Prayers to the family.

—Diann B Treadway



My sincere condolences.

—Reponza Hill

Sending love and prayers for all of you

—Ozelle Sotelo



Keeping you all in my thoughts and prayers. I always loved talking with Leroy. He will be missed.

—Penny Ward Wright

Sorry for your Loss, Love you guys

—Ray Wortman



—Anonymous



So sorry. Love you all. Praying for you all.

–Mr. & Mrs. Traley Clawson



–Victor & Kathy Gwyn

Kathy so sorry for your loss thinking of you during this difficult time

–Charlotte Yates Mayhue

Always enjoyed talking to Leroy when he shoped at quality plus .always a very nice man .

–Tracy B Johnson

I loved Leroy like my own family and I am so grateful for the time that I got to spend with him over the last few months. I'm sure going to miss sitting there in the comfy chair solving the world's problems and telling stories, but I take comfort knowing that he is finally healed and home with Jesus

–Tina Stamey

Leroy was a good friend. I always enjoyed talking with him. He loved to talk about farming. I have many fond memories of worshiping together with him at Mt. View II Baptist Church.

—Joe Greene