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LJ Ledford

Feb. 17, 1943 - June 7, 2025

LJ Ledford, 82, of Long View, NC, passed away Saturday, June 7, 2025.

Born in Yancey County, NC on February 17, 1943, he was the son of the late Paul Ledford and Pauline Austin Ledford.

LJ was raised in the Baptist faith. He had worked in the garage for Burke County Public Schools and also at Morganton Dye and Finishing. He loved trout fishing and hunting, and he enjoyed working on lawn mowers.

LJ is survived by his son, Matthew Hughes; daughters, Teresa Sargent, Donna Hughes Levine (Neal), and Merita Hughes; eight grandchildren; a great-grandchild; brother, Vernon Ledford; sisters, Norma Jean Houston (Guy), Wilma Lee Haynes (Carl), and Inez Monroe (Mike); and numerous nieces and nephews.

In addition to his parents, LJ was preceded in death by three brothers, Philip, Burl, and Jimmy Ledford.

The graveside service will be held at 12 p.m., Tuesday, June 17, 2025 at Burke Memorial Park with Rev. Bert Dixon officiating. The family will greet friends in the cemetery following the service.

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

Visitation

N/A
Service

June 17, 2025
noon

Burke Memorial Park

Committal

N/A

Tribute Wall



—Kevin F england

So sorry to hear of LJ's death. He was a cousin of mine that I probably had not seen in several years. His mother Pauline was a sister to my mother Ziller Austin Elkins. Many Saturdays LJ's dad and mom would pack up their children and come to Asheville and we would go to a fishing lake and enjoy picnicking together and the guys would enjoy fishing. The family is in our prayers.

—Magdalene Elkins Briggs



I met LJ through his wife Thelma. They lived a few houses from my mother Lillie and would often visit with each other before Thelma passed. Then you would see him walking around the neighborhood with his dog. He was such a kind and friendly person. Whenever we would have a yard sale, LJ always paid us a visit. Sometimes he bought something and sometimes he didn't. I am so very sorry for your loss. He was a good man. May God comfort you all during this difficult time.

—Kela Holsclaw

