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He is survived by his daughter, Nancy Lynn Rankin of the home; a brother, James Rankin and wife, Janice, of TN; and sisters, Martha Rankin Kasler and husband, Lt. Col. James Kasler of Macomb, IL and Peggy Rankin York of Delray, FL.In addition to his parents, Marcus was preceeded in death by his wife, Patti Lu Michael Rankin, and a brother-in-law, Jerry York.A celebration of Mr. Rankin's life will be held at 6:00 p.m., Monday, July 25, 2011 at North Morganton United Methodist Church with Rev. Neill Shaw officiating. The family will receive friends at the church following the service.

Interment with military honors will be held at the Western Carolina State Veterans Cemetery, Black Mountain, NC. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Burke Hospice and Palliative Care, Inc. 1721 Enon Road, Valdese, NC 28690 or to A Better Life Animal Rescue, P.O. Box 8311, Morganton, NC 28680. Sossoman Funeral Home and Crematory Center is assisting the family with the arrangements.

Tribute Wall

No tributes added yet.