



Michael Edward Tilley

Aug. 12, 1948 - April 8, 2022

Michael Edward Tilley, 73, of Morganton, NC, went to be with his Heavenly Father on Friday, April 8, 2022.

Born August 12, 1948 in McDowell County, NC, he was a son of the late John Carl and Annie McCourry Tilley. Mike was a long-time, active member of High Peak Baptist Church.

Following his graduation from Appalachian State University, Mike began his career with Wachovia Bank in Morganton. In 1978 he began working in the retail automotive business with Far East Datsun in Hickory. He retired in 2012 from Hendrick Honda Hickory. Mike also served in the NC National Guard from 1970 until 1976. He loved traveling in general, but especially to the mountains and beaches with his wife, Shirley.

In addition to his parents, Mike was preceded in death by his loving wife of 39 years, Shirley P. Tilley; brother, Ben Tilley; and sister, Mary Nell Troutman.

Those left to cherish his memory include his son, Chris Tilley; grandchildren, Addison and Blair Tilley; special nieces, Leigh Greene and Daphne Wood; nephews, Jerry Lee Powell, Brent Perkins and wife, Mary Beth, Eric Powell, and Ethan Tilley; niece, Lydia Tilley and husband, Chet; and his feline companion, Joseph.

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In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to High Peak Baptist Church, 3073 High Peak Road, Valdese, NC 28690.

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

Tribute Wall

I sold cars with mike he taught me everything i know about it. He was a great friend and mentor you'll be missed my brother. you will always be buckin like a brahma!

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