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Michael Ray Cadwallader

Sept. 2, 1944 - Nov. 18, 2026

Michael Ray Cadwallader, 82, of Morganton, NC passed away unexpectedly on November 18, 2026.

Michael was born on September 2, 1944, to Raymond and Maxine Cadwallader in Louisiana while his father was in the Navy, however he called Payne, Ohio his hometown and childhood home. Michael married the love of his life Madelyn on May 8, 1971. They were married for 52 years until she passed away in September 2023.

Michael was a devoted and hardworking husband and father all his life, even after he retired from Dana Corporation in 2014. He made sure that his family never went without anything, and his work ethic and dedication to doing what he loved was evident in everything he put his mind too. Michael hated to be idle, and could always be found tinkering with go carts, learning how to fly model airplanes, golfing with his senior league, or running 5k races into his 70's. He was right there with his wife Madge cheering on his two granddaughters during sporting events and always was there for them and his daughters whenever needed.

His favorite thing to do every day, even in the winter and on rainy days, was to walk the Greenway in Morganton. He and Madge would go every day before her passing to ensure she got out and exercised. After her passing, he continued to walk every day,

as he felt he was always with Madge while he walked, which gave him peace as he coped with her passing. He will be missed tremendously by all who knew him, but it is a comfort to know that he is once again reunited with Madge, as not a day went by that he did not mention her in some small way.

Michael leaves behind two daughters, Heather Cadwallader McGroarty, and Vicki (Todd) Causby, along with his two granddaughters, Madelyn and Abigail.

Michael is preceded in death by his wife Madelyn, sister Susan Tinlin and sister Sally Lorden, along with his parents Raymond and Maxine Cadwallader.

The family will receive friends from 5 until 7 p.m., Tuesday, November 24, 2026 at Sossoman Funeral Home. The family will hold a private entombment and ceremony at Burke Memorial Park.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations in his name to St. Judes Children's Hospital, as he always honored the caring and generous nature that his wife Madelyn started prior to her passing.

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

Tribute Wall

No tributes added yet.