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Paul Edward Epley

Aug. 27, 1942 - Feb. 10, 2023

Paul Edward Epley, 80, of Morganton, NC, went home to be with the Lord Friday, February 10, 2023.

Born in Burke County, NC on August 27, 1942, he is the son of the late Lennie Washington Epley and Ivy Estelle Watts Epley. Paul was a member of Trinity Baptist Church and known for saying “to God be the glory.” He retired from Duke Power after 30 years of service and enjoyed being outside, especially hunting or fishing. Most of all, Paul loved spending time with his grandchildren.

A loving and devoted husband, father, and grandfather, Mr. Epley is survived by his wife, Bonnie Elizabeth “Lib” Butler Epley; sons, Chad Epley (Sherrie) and Kerry Epley (Emily); grandchildren, Rebecca Epley Brown (Hampton), Jesse Epley, Aaron Epley, Logan Morris, Savannah Epley, and Chesnee Epley; brother, Wayne Epley (Brenda); niece, Rachel Epley Holland (Rick); great-niece, Sarah Holland; and great-nephew, Nate Holland.

The family will receive friends from 3 to 4 p.m., Thursday, February 16, 2023 at Trinity Baptist Church. The funeral will be held at 4 p.m. in the Church with Pastor Tim Hodge officiating. Burial will follow in the church cemetery.

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

Tribute Wall

Loved Me some Paul Epley! I am so sad to hear of Paul's passing away. He was such a good friend and taught me so much about Faith, Family, Friendships, and of course, the Outdoors. I had the good fortune to spend many hours with Paul on Lake James and cherished every minute with him - A Very Special Friend!! I will miss him dearly! My thoughts and prayers are with you Lib and Your Family.

–Keith W Walker



So sorry for your loss. We loved ya'llls dad and can't wait to see him again.

–Barry Hooks

We are heartbroken at the loss of our life long friend. Memories abound: a great baseball player, fishing, fish frys at the dog race and his love for our son, Bubba…. Our condolences to each of Paul's family

–Bruce, Maretta and Donald Hamrick

So sorry for your loss Chad and family. Prayers going up.

–Shirley Dale

Prayers for you Chad and the entire family.

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—John Herron

A legend on the ball field and later on Lake James!

—Donald Propst

Our sincerest condolences for your loss. Prayers and love

—Dennis Frank & Tammie Carver-Frank

So sorry for your loss. Our condolences to the entire family. You are in our hearts and prayers.

—Bruce and Sheila Carpenter

So sorry to hear of Paul’s passing. Keeping Lib and Chad and Kerry and their families in our prayers!! Praying for peace, comfort, and strength during this most difficult time!! Bob and Carolyn Mauney

—Carolyn Mauney