



*Philip "Dude"*  
*Whisnant*

**April 7, 1951 - Dec. 25, 2025**

Philip "Dude" Whisnant, 74, of Morganton, NC, went to his heavenly home on Thursday, December 25, 2025.

Born in Burke County, NC on April 7, 1951, he was the son of the late Ned Cody Whisnant and Mary Phillips Whisnant.

Dude was a member of Fairview United Methodist Church and had attended Zion Baptist Church. He retired from the City of Morganton's Water Department. He enjoyed NASCAR, landscaping, and working on tractors.

Those left to cherish his memory include his first cousins, Ty Chapman, Tracy Chapman, David Whisenant, Darrel Whisnant, Mike Smith, and Ann Peeler; niece, Jennifer Whisnant; and numerous other extended family members.

In addition to his parents, Philip was preceded in death by his wife, Linda Joyce Jordan Whisnant; and a brother, Steve Whisnant.

The graveside service will be held at 12 p.m., Wednesday, January 7, 2026 at Fairview Church Cemetery with Rev. David Orders officiating. The family will greet friends in the cemetery following the service. Philip will be available for viewing from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Tuesday, January 6, 2026 at Sossoman Funeral Home.

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

# Tribute Wall

I'm so sorry for your loss. I went to Oak Hill School with Philip. He was always a good friend. I would run into him from time to time, over the years. He remained the same, always friendly. Phyllis Smith

—Phyllis Smith



Thoughts and prayers offered for all his family. I was blessed to get to work with him briefly. He always had something interesting to talk about and smile to share. He was a blessing to know.

—Lori Smith

Steve, I'm sorry for your loss. May the Lord be with you and your family. Jackie Browning Hedstrom

—John P. Hedstrom



Philip was one of my all time favorite customers and will be greatly missed. He was so kind to me from the first time we met. He was one of kind and I wish I got to know him for longer. I was shocked to hear of his sudden passing but it was his time to go home and be without pain. May you rest in peace.

—Kelly



U will be miss so much i can t believe u r gone Rip in peace  
u was one special person and so sweet I glad i got to know  
u am u was one of my best friends fly high dude I will  
always think of u I love u and I miss u Earlene

Philip was one of one. A good man

—Marty Gravley

To my Uncle and my first born's Godfather. You and Aunt Joyce were always only  
a phone call away. You loved me like your own . You welcomed my wife as your  
own. You and Aunt Joyce are back together

—Jason Jordan



Rest in pice my friend

—Bennett A Chapman



So sad to hear that Dude passed away, RIP. We had some  
good times together You will be missed. Your friends.  
Carolyn and Jerry

—Carolyn and Jerry White