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Phillip Donald Davis

Aug. 17, 1940 - Aug. 7, 2023

Phillip Donald Davis, 82, of Morganton, NC, passed away on August 7, 2023 due to Alzheimer's.

Don was born August 17, 1940 to E.M. and Lovie Davis of Old Fort. He had 4 older brothers Dean, Fred, Mickey, and Francis and 3 younger sisters Louise, Brenda, and Nancy.

His in-laws were a big part of his life. His parents-in-law were Edmond and Dessie Johnson. His brothers-in-law are James, Tommy, and Ralph, and sisters-in-law are Dallas, Nancy, and Debbie.

On a Friday July 19, 1968 Don met Alma Johnson and it was love at first sight. On their first date, Don proposed and Alma accepted. They were married 53 wonderful years filled with love and joy. Their 3 daughters are Donna (James) Rooney, Amanda (Kelly) Misenheimer, and Melanie (Wayne) Whaley. They have 6 grandchildren Crystal (Michael) McCroan, Taylor Rooney, Keri and Abby Misenheimer, and Christopher and Stephanie Whaley. They have 2 great grandchildren Jordan and Bailey.

Don loved God, family, and his church. Don and Alma have great faith in God, and raised their girls with faith, hope and unconditional love. Family was always a priority. At St. Matthews UMC he was a youth director where he loved teaching the youth

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Don was preceded in death by his parents, E.M. and Lovie, his brothers Dean and Fred. Don is survived by his loving wife, Alma, his girls, grandchildren, and great grandchildren.

Visitation will be held at Sossoman Funeral home on Friday, August 11, 2023 from 6pm - 8pm.

Don's Celebration of Life will be held at St. Matthews United Methodist Church on Saturday, August 12, 2023 at 11:00 am followed by graveside service at Burke Memorial Park. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to St. Matthews UMC.

We would like to extend our gratitude for the care they provided for Don to Dr. Keith Smith and staff at Burke Primary Care, staff at Magnolia Lane Rehab, Atrium palliative care staff, Patti Barrier and Janie Knapp and the Amorem nurses and CNAs.

For additional information about Alzheimer's, visit www.ALZ.org.

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

Tribute Wall



—Anonymous



Alma, My thoughts & prayers are with you & your family. May God give you comfort & strength in the difficult times you are facing. Don was a wonderful friend & a blessing to those who knew him. He will be missed.

—Penny Fox



So sorry for your loss miss you all

—Carl mildred Frankli n



Dear Alma and family, Eddie and I send our sincere condolences and prayers for comfort to your family. I have sweet memories of you and Don from years past. May The Lord comfort you all.

—Frances Robinson



So sorry to hear about Don our thoughts and prayers are with you Alma and your family

—Harry and Diane



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May God comfort you, during your time of sadness. Uncle Donald was loved so much! He will always be remembered by his smile. His laugh was contagious. Prayers, love, and hugs..... Sincerely, Sylvia L. Brown

—Sylvia Brown



I am so sorry to hear of Don' s passing, but am rejoicing with the angels in heaven that another Saint of God has come home!!! Don was truly a man of God, and he was a great influence in my life. Don was always a great friend to my Mom and Dad, and we always enjoyed going on beach trips with him and Alma with the MYF!! He never forgot us boys throwing him into the ocean and getting his shoes wet. He had to wear an extra pair of mine home that year. But, the jokester Don was, he got us all back for the rest of the year making us watch our backs, keeping us on edge, just to finally tell us he wasn't going to do anything. That was his payback. I'm going to miss him, but will see him again one day! Our thoughts and prayers are with Alma and

the girls and their families.

–Todd & Kim Williams

We were so saddened to hear the news of Dons passing but rejoicing knowing he

was in presence of our savior. He was a wonderful friend and will be missed.

–Thomas & Vickie Lutz

Don was a wonderful friend. I was fortunate enough to be able to attend church with a very Godly man, be in the church choir with him and work with him on the Boy Scout Board. Then, one day, he made the statement, "I am so far behind, I'll never get caught up with my construction work." I told him I would be glad to help and he said okay. I was fortunate enough to get to work with him for several years. I learned from a Master Carpenter and still use what I learned from him. He will be sorely missed by me and anyone who was fortunate enough to get to know him. Thanks, Don. Tony

–Tony Yount

Im so sorry for the families loss ! Don was my friend from when we worked at triangle together , i thought alot of the man . As i pass his house on occasion going from job to job i always look to see if he was in the yard . Prayers for you all

–Kevin (mule)