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Randolph "Randy" Nelson Poteat

Sept. 13, 1951 - Nov. 16, 2026

Randolph "Randy" Nelson Poteat, 75, of Morganton, North Carolina, passed away peacefully on Monday, November 16, 2026 while surrounded by his family.

Born in Burke County on September 13, 1951, Randy was the son of the late Calvin Wayne Poteat, Sr. and Lillian Nelson Shidel Poteat.

Randy attended Gallaudet University in Washington, D.C. and enjoyed playing sports in his younger years. Fishing was his life, and he also treasured camping trips with his family. He wrote for "The Bugler" magazine at NCBAD (Bass Anglers of the Deaf).

Randy was a loving father, grandfather and brother, and "he was the best daddy."

Those left to cherish his memory include his daughters, Paula Poteat (Adam) and Elisha Poteat; grandchildren Addy, Alizah, Aaliyah, Devon, Aiden and Jayden; brothers Wayne "Bo" Poteat, Johnny "Mack" Poteat (Vickie), Dean Poteat (Juanita) and Ted Poteat; sister Teresa Farris (David); the mother of his children, Tonia Poteat; and numerous nieces, nephews, and extended family.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his sister, Thelma Jane Poteat.

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The family will receive friends from 1 to 2 p.m. Monday, November 23, 2026, at Sossoman Funeral Home. The funeral will follow at 2 p.m. in the Colonial Chapel of the funeral home with Rev. Larry Barnes officiating.

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

Tribute Wall



—Anonymous



Praying for FAMILY and Friends My Deepest Condolences

—Loretta Winkler Burkhart



My deepest condolences

—Patricia Oakley



I’m so sorry for your loss. Randy was my roommate at Gallaudet, and I’ll never forget him. I remember one night so vividly — he had a term paper due the next morning for his biology class, and he hadn’t started it until 1 a.m. His reference was from a bass fishing magazine. I thought it

was hilarious, and I was sure there was no way he was going to pass. I was wrong. His professor knew he'd used the wrong references, but was so impressed with how much Randy actually knew about the subject that he gave him a B+ for the class. That was Randy — he could pull it off in a

way nobody else could, and make you laugh while he did it. I'm going to miss him, and I'm thinking of you all. With sympathy, Keith Robertson, Lewes, DE

—Keith Robertson

So sorry to hear Randy passing. May The Lord give his family in comfort and peace. He is rejoicing no more suffering and his body is perfect now. RIP Randy

—Stacey & Connie James