



Ray Joseph Duckworth

Jan. 14, 1938 - Aug. 3, 2026

Ray Joseph Duckworth, 88, of Morganton, NC, went home to be with the Lord on Monday, August 3, 2026.

Born in Burke County, NC on January 14, 1938, he was the son of the late Clinton Ray Duckworth and Irene Hipps Duckworth.

Ray was a proud veteran of the US Navy. He was a loving and devoted husband, father, and grandfather who enjoyed spending time with his family. He also made sure to express his love to his wife every day. Ray also loved his church, Mt. Home Baptist Church, his church family, and his Sunday school class. He liked working with his hands and making things out of wood, bass fish, and tend his garden.

Those left to cherish his memory include his wife, Shirley Lemmons Duckworth; children, Jeff Duckworth (Terri), Tim Duckworth, Wanda Smart, Calvin Timothy Trull, and Deanna Trull; four grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; numerous nieces, nephews, and extended family; and his beloved dog, Corky.

In addition to his parents, Ray was preceded in death by his sister, Frances Morrison.

The family will receive friends from 1 to 2 p.m., Saturday, August 8, 2026 at Mt. Home Baptist Church. The funeral will be held at 2 p.m. in the church with Rev. Ethan

Cromer officiating. Burial will follow in the church cemetery with military honors provided by the US Navy.

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

Tribute Wall

No tributes added yet.