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Richard Bryant Williams

Dec. 26, 1953 - Nov. 12, 2023

Richard Bryant Williams, 69, of Nebo, NC, passed away Sunday, November 12, 2023, after years of failing health.

Born in Germany on December 26, 1953, he was the son of the late Richard Bryant Columbus Williams and Elisabeth Walker.

Richard was a simple man who loved his family. He enjoyed family gatherings, being outdoors with his dog, and was an avid fan of Tar Heel Basketball. He made many lifelong friendships at Dana Corporation and Toner Machining Technologies. Richard was a member of Catawba Valley Masonic Lodge #217. He considered retirement life by the river to be his greatest pleasure.

Richard is survived by his special daughter, Ashley Carswell Burnette (Adam); sister, Monika Turner (Richard); nephews, William Turner (Mary) and Eric Robinson; nieces, Sara Robertson (Austin) and Laura John (Daniel); sisters-in-law, Donna Carswell and Annette Robinson; and his canine companion, Sam.

In addition to his parents, Richard was preceded in death by his wife, Carol Jean Williams.

The family will receive friends from 1 to 2 p.m., Saturday, November 18, 2023 at Sossoman Funeral Home. A celebration of Richard's life will follow at 2 p.m. in the

Colonial Chapel of the funeral home with Pastor Brad Browning officiating. Masonic rites will be provided by Catawba Valley Masonic Lodge #217.

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

Tribute Wall

A wonderful man very kind & a joy to all that knew him… a great neighbor in the Community of Fonta Flora!

–Denise Bishop

I had the pleasure of getting to know Mr. Williams through UNC Blue Ridge. He was such a joy to deal with. Even on his bad days he always smiled and stayed positive. His kindness and sweet soul will always be remembered. Prayers to all the family for your loss. May you Rest in Peace Mr. Williams.

–Sarah L Whitley



–Kay Medford

Williams was a special friend. I wish I had more time with him. He will be missed.

–Tommy Cooper