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Robert "Hayden" Burleson

June 3, 1934 - Feb. 11, 2020

Robert "Hayden" Burleson, 85, of Conley Road, Morganton, NC, died Tuesday, February 11, 2020 at his residence.

Born in Avery County June 3rd, 1934, he was the son of the late Jess and Sarah McKinney Burleson. His love of driving fast cars led him to a career with the NC Department of Transportation, where he retired after driving trucks for twenty years. He was a faithful member of Pleasant Ridge Baptist Church and a long-time member of the North Carolina State Employees Association.

In addition to his parents, Hayden was preceded in death by five sisters and two brothers: Mabel Hughes (Gus), Hazel Tipton (Pete), Oran Burleson, Marjorie Buchanan (Charles), Janice McClellan (Bobby), Paul William "Howard" Burleson (Helen), and Jess Burleson, Jr. (Ruth).

Surviving are: his beloved wife of 57 years, Billie King Burleson, of the home; brother-in-law Bobby King and his wife, Nancy, of Newland; and sister-in-law, Sally Lou Rominger and her husband, Dana, of Banner Elk; a sister, Janet Buchanan and her husband, Pat, of Newland; and numerous nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews, and great-great nieces and nephews on whom he doted.

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Hayden's kind smile, devotion to his wife, love for his family, and care for his horses and his yard will be fondly remembered by all who knew him.

Donations in his memory may be made to the PRBC Building Fund, PO Box 1159, Morganton, NC 28680.

Sossoman Funeral Home and Crematory Center is assisting the family.

Tribute Wall

No tributes added yet.