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Roddy Edward Young

May 24, 1946 - Aug. 29, 2023

Roddy Edward Young, 77, of Hickory, NC, passed away Tuesday, August 29, 2023.

Born in Catawba County, NC on May 24, 1946, he was the son of the late John Young and Ruby Lowman Young.

Roddy was a graduate of Lenoir Rhyne College and retired from East Burke Middle School after over 30 years of teaching. He coached a variety of sports over the years but had a special love for baseball and basketball. Mr. Young enjoyed spending time at his mountain camper, taking pictures of his beloved family, working crossword puzzles, and all sports, especially the Atlanta Braves.

Roddy is survived by his son, Jon Young (Julia); daughter, Rebecca Whitley (Bobby); grandchildren, Jason Whitley (Chasitie), Kelli Andrews (Dan), Sydney Young, and Kenna Young; great-grandchildren, Isabel Andrews, Mason Andrews, Jaxx Whitley, and Piper Whitley; brothers, Gene and Mark Young; sister, Robin Young Brown; and a number of nieces and nephews.

In addition to his parents, Roddy was preceded in death by his wife, Leona Young; and a sister, Paulette Wright.

The family will receive friends from 2 to 3 p.m., Monday, September 4, 2023 at

Sossoman Funeral Home with Rev. Danny White officiating. The funeral will be held at 3 p.m. in the Colonial Chapel of the funeral home. Burial will follow in Henry River Baptist Church Cemetery.

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

Tribute Wall



Not only was u my 6th grade teacher. You moved to HJH the year after I went and became our football, basketball, & Track COACH. RODDY, not only was you my coach my friend my Cuzn but u was also my mentor through out life. I will miss You my friend. R.I.P. RODDY Edward YOUNG.

–Brian Angel

Roddy was a kind and thoughtful man. He always had a smile and kind words for everyone. He was a good brother in law that could be counted on when you needed him. He will be missed. Keith and Sandy Miller

–Sandy Miller



–Brandy G Link



My sincere condolences Jonathan! I just lost my Dad in May and I know how hard it is. My thoughts and prayers are with you and the family! Roddy was a wonderful person and teacher. RIP Mr. Young.

—Laura Tribble



Roddy was a great man in many ways to his family and friends. Heavy hearts come with our loss, but rejoice in knowing that heaven gained another Angel!! Love and prayers to the Whitley and Young family.

Hello Jon. I am sorry to hear about your father. I am praying for you and your family... I miss you. Jennifer

—Jennifer Murray



—Geoff Austin



Keeping you all in my prayers for strength and comfort. I can only imagine how difficult it must be. Continue to encourage one another and remember the wonderful deposits of joy he left with you to last forever. ~Des

—Des Thompson

My love for Roddy grew deeper every day of my life. What a wonderful brother Roddy was to me. Being his little sister., when I was 6 he would take me to LR library while he completed his college work to be a teacher. He would take me to the Hildebran basketball gym and he would treat me like an adult as we watched the ballgame. Roddy inspired me to be a teacher and I give full credit to him for my career. Roddy gave more than he ever received to anyone who knew him. How wonderful that Roddy touched so many students lives in his career! I will see you

wonderful that Roddy touched so many students lives in his career. I will see you on the other side my dear brother!! Love

—Robin Young Brown