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Rodger Ervin Bailey

Sept. 28, 1955 - July 18, 2023

Rodger Ervin Bailey, 67, of Morganton, NC, passed away unexpectedly on Tuesday, July 18, 2023 after years of failing health.

Born in Rutherford County, NC on September 28, 1955, he was the son of the late William McKinley Bailey and Emma Bell Heaton Bailey.

Rodger was a member of Drexel First Church of God. He enjoyed watching sports, especially the Atlanta Braves. He also liked to hunt, fish, or do anything outside. Rodger was a graduate of Drexel High School and worked for Coca-Cola Bottling Company in Morganton until they closed.

A loving and devoted husband, father, and grandfather, Rodger is survived by his wife, Phyllis Sigmon Bailey; children, Travis Bailey (Greta), Melissa Bailey Phillips (Ivan), and Emily Bailey (Christopher Grice); grandchildren, Andrew, Ella, Emma, Joseph, Jonah, Elijah, Isaiah, and Mackenzie; brother, Harold Bailey (Kathy); and numerous nieces, nephews, and extended family.

In addition to his parents, Rodger was preceded in death by a daughter, Jennifer Bailey Winebarger.

The memorial service will be held at 2 p.m., Sunday, July 23, 2023 at Drexel First

Church of God with Rev. Kyle Canerday officiating. The family will greet friends in the church following the service.

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

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We all love you

–Joann Bailey johnsom

PRAYERS AND CONDOLENCES FOR ALL THE FAMILY AND FRIENDS. RODGER WAS A GREAT FRIEND AND A AWESOME PERSON.PHYLLIS WE ARE THONKING OF YOU GUYS&ALL THE FAMILY DURING THIS DIFFICULT TIME SORRY WE WERE OUT OF TOWN MAY GOD WRAP HIS LOVING ARMS AROUND ALL YOU GUY'S

–Lynn Alexander

So sorry for your loss, thinking of you during this difficult time. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.

–Phil and Donna Shirley

I’m so very sorry! You all are in my thoughts and prayers!

–Deana cole



Travis, Melissa and family. I am so sorry for your loss, y’all are in my heart and prayers. Love, Teresa



—Teresa Hawks

I am so sorry for your loss prayers for you and your family and friends

—Nancy f skeans

Prayers are with the family may God Bless you and help with your sadness in this Time of nee

—Jack Poteet

Melissa so sorry to hear of the death of your father. My thoughts and prayers are with you as you go through the next few days. Always remember the good times we had at the hospital. Love you girl

—Lavonne Waller



Harold, I am saddened to hear of your brothers passing, You and family are in our prayers here in Idaho GOD Bless!

—Fred Goins



Dear Phyllis and family, We're so sorry for your loss. Please accept our deepest sympathy. Praying for you all during this time . Love, Lewis & Donnie

—Lewis & Donnie Honeycutt