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Russell Eugene Carpenter

March 24, 1941 - Oct. 24, 2023

Russell Eugene Carpenter, 82, of Morganton, NC, passed away Tuesday, October 24, 2023.

Born in Avery County, NC on March 24, 1941, he was the son of the late Schyler McKenzie Carpenter and Bertie Carolyn Stamey Carpenter.

Russell was a was a veteran of the US Army and worked as a carpenter for many years. He was a hard-working man who enjoyed old cars and was proud of his 51 Chevrolet convertible that he restored. He also enjoyed gardening, growing tomatoes, and especially spending time with family.

A loving husband, father, and grandfather, Russell is survived by his daughter, Tonia Carpenter Donnell (Terry); step-daughter, Tina Solomon (David); step-son, Norman Beach; granddaughters, Stephanie Donnell, Whitney Carpenter, and Naomi Carpenter; great-grandchildren, Gavyn, Abigail, Diannia, and Victoria; nephew who Russell raised as his own, Michael Lowery; and numerous extended family.

In addition to his parents, Russell was preceded in death by his wife, Mozelle Coffey Carpenter; sons, Roger Carpenter and Russell Keith Carpenter; grandchildren, Theresa Horne and Heather Donnell; and siblings, Edna Arnold, Sam, Sue, Ruth, Lloyd, Lake, Jim, Frank, Ellen, Bud, Max, and Carolyn.

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The family will receive friends from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m., Saturday, October 28, 2023 at Sossoman Funeral Home. The funeral will be held at noon in the Colonial Chapel of the funeral home with Pastor Micah Narlock officiating. Burial will follow in Glen

Alpine Cemetery with military honors provided by the NC National Guard and the Caldwell County Veterans Honor Guard.

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

Tribute Wall

I just learned of Russel’s passing and it saddens me to see another generation of our family leave us. My grandmother was Fanny Jane Carpenter Benfield of Buck Hill in Avery County N. C. so Russell was not just a cousin but a very important part of our large Carpenter family tree. Gods blessings to all of those that are feeling this loss. Lawson Woody Seldovia, Alaska

—Lawson Woody

Kay, technically he's not the last generation of carpenters.. my son Daxton (keiths -my dad- grandson and russells great grand son), they just forgot to list him in the obituary) will be taking my last name. So the name will carry on...

—Whitney Carpenter

Russell was a good man and would do anything in the world he could for his friends. I’m heartbroken that I didn’t find out in time to show my respects. They don’t make men like Russell anymore.

—Doug Hudson

He was last of that generation of Carpenters.

—Kay Carpenter Zank (Jim's daughter)