



Russell Lee Dale

June 9, 1942 - Jan. 17, 2023

Russell Lee Dale, 80, of Morganton, NC, went home to be with the Lord Tuesday, January 17, 2023.

Born in Burke County, NC on June 9, 1942, he was the son of the late June Dale and Lucy Norman Dale. Russell was a member of Burkemont Baptist Church. He retired from maintenance at Burke County Public Schools. However, Russell never really retired and stayed busy helping people. He enjoyed being outside, going to the mountains, and especially spending time with his family.

A devoted husband, father, and grandfather, Russell is survived by his wife of 59 years, Carolyn Powell Dale; daughter, Linda Reece (Mike); grandson, Tyler Reece (Lauren); siblings, Carl Dale (Louise), Paul Dale (Rebecca), James Dale (Martha), Joe Dale, and Ruth Duckworth; and a number of nieces, nephews, and extended family.

In addition to his parents, Russell was preceded in death by sister, Ruby Michaels and Ann Mace; brother, Hardy Dale; and his canine best-friend, Sissy.

The family will receive friends from 2 to 3 p.m., Sunday, January 22, 2023 at

Burkemont Baptist Church. The funeral will be held at 3 p.m. in the church with Rev. Drs. Luke Lane and Eddy Bunton officiating. Burial will follow in the church cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Burkemont Baptist Church, 4668 Burkemont Road, Morganton, NC 28655.

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

Tribute Wall

So sorry to hear about Russell. We were just talking about all the good times we had on the four wheelers and riding back in the mountains. Such a good humble man. We will miss him.

–Bennie and Cindy Goins

What a man, I really don't think there's enough words to say about Russell Dale, a friend, a brother in the Lord, I can't remember a time when I needed help with something that he didn't help me, he will be missed by many he has fought the fight and kept the faith, I will see you in heaven my friend. May God bless the family.

–Herb Dills

What a good man Russell Dale was.... so thankful for his willingness to always help my father. He was Dad's go to guy for small engine repair and any outside work Dad was doing. I admired this man's abilities and work ethic... a "man's man" and the epitome of a good neighbor. The Salem community will miss this man, may God bless and comfort the Dale family.

–Tommy Sain