



*Stephen "Steve" Marler
Perry*

July 13, 1941 - July 11, 2026

Stephen "Steve" Marler Perry, 84, of Morganton, NC, went home to be with his Lord on Saturday, July 11, 2026, after a period of declining health.

Born in Burke County, NC on July 13, 1941, he was the son of the late Marler Perry and Vivian P. Sanders.

Steve was a loving father, grandfather, and great-grandfather who loved his Lord. He was very passionate about speaking to others about his faith, and he loved working on his farm. Steve was a long-time member of Catawba Valley Masonic Lodge #217.

Those left to cherish his memory include his daughters, Karen Perry Coleman (Dean) and Stephanie Perry Smith (Steve); grandchildren, Sierra Sprehe (Brett), Deanna Puckett (Michael), Kelsey Williamson (Andrew), DJ Coleman (Lauren), Hunter Smith (Lillianna), and Katelyn Smith; great-grandchildren, Libby Brown, Adelyn Puckett, and Landyn Brown; and a number of nieces, nephews, and extended family.

In addition to his parents, Steve was preceded in death by his wife, Linda Perry; daughter, Vivian Perry Clarke; sisters, Sylvia Perry Swink and Peggy Perry Sisk; and an infant brother.

The family will receive friends from 2 to 3 p.m., Friday, July 17, 2026 at Sossoman

Funeral Home. Masonic rites will be held at 3 p.m. at the funeral home by Catawba Valley Masonic Lodge #217. The graveside service will be held at 4 p.m. at Fairview Cemetery on Piedmont Road with Rev. Charles "Bud" Harmon officiating.

Memorial contributions may be made to [Amorem Hospice](https://amoremsupport.org/donate) (amoremsupport.org/donate).

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

Tribute Wall

Karen and Stephanie, We are so sorry to see this (I was looking up another obituary)! Carol and I did not know about our cousin Steve's passing. Our sincere condolences go to all of you! I am sorry we were unable to attend the service because we did not know about it. Praying for God's peace to all of you.

—Ninette Propst Burns

My deepest condolences and heartfelt sympathies go out to Stephanie and her family for the loss of their father/grandfather/great-grandfather. May you find comfort in your loving family memories, and may God wrap his arms around you as you navigate the days ahead.

—Michelle L Attreed

Our heartfelt condolences to all the family members.

—Brian and Sheila Dishman



—Jared Callahan





—Angela Woods Gantt



Stephanie, Steve, and family, I'm sorry for your loss. I pray that your dad is home with our Lord and that you may be strengthened and lifted up by the love of your family and friends. Julissa

—Julissa Fernandez