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Thomas Ray McNeely

Oct. 14, 1945 - March 19, 2021

Thomas Ray McNeely, 76, passed away at his home in Baneberry, Tennessee following a long battle with Multiple System Atrophy (MSA -C). He was surrounded by his family.

In 1983, Mr. McNeely moved to East Tennessee to play an active role in opening Eastern Plating in Newport, TN. He was instrumental in making Eastern Plating an essential part of the community. He cared about each of the employees and always worked hard to ensure that Eastern Plating was a quality company. He served in the role as Plant Manager for Eastern Plating for 30 years before retiring.

Mr. McNeely was born October 14, 1945 in McDowell County, North Carolina. He was the son of the late Joseph Cephus McNeely and Sue Emma Hawkins McNeely. He is survived by his wife of 56 years, Carol McNeely of Baneberry, TN ; his daughter Teresa Hardy of Knoxville, TN: his sons Mike McNeely (Christie Oakley) of Conover, NC and David McNeely of Talbott, TN; his sister Mary Wahisnant of Morganton, NC; and several grandchildren, great- grandchildren and nieces and nephews. He is also survived by a special brother-in-law, Danny White (Susan White) of Allardt, TN.

In addition to his parents, Mr. McNeely was proceeded in death by his brothers, Junior, Paul, Joe, James and Clyde McNeely; and sisters Ruby Chapman and Ada

Norman all of Morganton, NC.

The family will have a viewing on Monday March 22, 2021 from 5-7pm at Manes Funeral Home, Newport, TN. There will be an additional service at 11:00am on Wednesday March 24, 2021 at Sossoman Funeral Home in Morganton, NC. Graveside Service will follow at 2:00pm on March 24, 2021 at Burke Memorial Park.

Family and friends may sign the guest register online at www.manesfuneralhome.com. Arrangements by Manes Funeral Home and Sossoman Funeral Home. Per CDC guidelines please practice safe social distancing and please wear a mask.

Tribute Wall

No tributes added yet.