



Vernon F. "Buzz" Smith

May 3, 1945 - March 13, 2013

Vernon F. "Buzz" Smith, 68, of Morganton, NC died Thursday, March 13, 2013. Born in Olmsted County, MN on May 3, 1945, he was the son of the late Litten Elbert Smith and Peggy Jane Rumsey Smith. Buzz was a member of Victory Temple Church, Nebo, NC. He worked for Dana Corporation for many years. He also was an accomplished carpenter in the construction industry and was a sewing machine repairman. Mr. Smith is survived by his wife, Peggy Workman Sumlin Smith of the home; children, Angela Smith Barrier and her husband, Robert, of Morganton, Timothy Smith of Morganton, Tammy Arrowood of Morganton, Peggy Jean Sumlin Cox and her husband, Robert, of Dysartsville, Keely Sumlin McCoyle and her companion, Don, of Morganton, and Jeremy Sumlin of Morganton; fourteen grandchildren; one great-grandchild; brothers, James Smith and his wife, Darlene, of Nebo, David Smith and his wife, Teresa, of Morganton, and Ronnie Smith and his wife, Ellen, of Marion; sisters, Viola Cook and her husband, A.V., of Morganton, Betty Dulaney and her husband, Gary, of Morganton, Barbara Thomas and her husband, Danny, of Morganton, Brenda Smith of Hudson, NC, Beverly Davis and her husband, Oliver, of Climax, NC, and Carole McCombs and her husband, Pete, of Nebo; and a number of nephews, nieces, extended family, and friends. In addition to his parents, Buzz was preceded in death by two sons, Vernon and Troy Smith; two brothers, Thomas and Howard Smith; and a sister, Joann Smith. The funeral will be held at 3pm, Sunday, March 16, 2014 at Victory Temple Church, 7987 NC 226, Nebo, NC with the Rev. Pete McCombs and the Rev. Walker Toney officiating. Burial will follow in the church cemetery. The family will receive friends Saturday evening from 6-8pm at Sossoman Funeral Home and Crematory Center where the body will remain until placed in the church thirty minutes prior to the funeral. Memorial contributions may be made to Burke Hospice and Palliative Care, Inc., 1721 Fenn Road, Valdese, NC 28690.

Tribute Wall

No tributes added yet.