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William "Bud" Fortune

Aug. 29, 1926 - March 17, 2023

William “Bud” Fortune, 96, of Morganton, NC passed away Friday, March 17, 2023. Bud was born August 29, 1926 in McDowell County to the late Charles Winfred Fortune and Callie Duval Fortune. Bud was a member of Trinity United Methodist Church and loved to attend church. He was a proud Navy Veteran who served from 1944 - 1967. Bud also worked in the American Embassy in Madrid, loved to travel the world with the Navy, and retired from Broughton Hospital with over 20 years of service. Bud was a lover of all animals, especially his neighbors dog Lucky. He was a charming people person and loved to read, enjoyed WWII military history, collecting stamps and was a train enthusiast.

Bud is survived by his sister, Mary Horton; niece, Norma Horton; nephew, Fred Horton (Nina); extended family, Brenda Horton, Terry Horton, Debbie Christian, Charlotte Setzer Hendrix, and a special cousin Loree Wilson; along with numerous great nieces and nephews.

Bud is preceded in death by his wife Lena Setzer Fortune; sister, Mildred Fortune; brother, Neal Fortune; brother-in-law, Alton Horton Sr.; sister-in-law, Ophelia Fortune;

nephews Alton Horton Jr., Harold Horton, and Kenneth Fortune.

“CIAO”

The graveside service will be held at 2 p.m., Sunday, March 26, 2023 at Trinity United Methodist Church Cemeterywith Rev. Donald Morrison officiating. Military honors will be provided by the US Navy.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Humane Society or Amorem Hospice.

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

Tribute Wall



Bill. You were my great friend and mentor. I will always have the memories of your love of trains and the trips and the adventures that we took of searching and exploring. The trip to St Louis and visiting your friends in Missouri, places that I may have never seen, especially seeing "Maxie", the worlds largest goose. Rest in peace my friend, you will be missed.

–Ken A Riddick



I am saddened to hear of Bud's passing. He was a friend of the Goins Family for life! He was a special friend to me and min. You'all are in our prayers here in Idaho GOD Bless! Freddie

–Fred Goins

So sorry to hear about Willie . He was my mother (Charlie Neal Upton Creasman cousin. We used to visit them in Morganton and see him at homecoming in Dysartsville.

–Judy Creasman

I am so sorry about your loss I spent many Sunday’s with William he was a kind caring person and I loved talking with him loved him very much

–Katherine Christy Jones



—Terry Horton

Also survived by his sister-in-law, Charlotte Setzer Hendrix

—Debbie Christian

When I was growing up, Lena, Bud and Mildred were dear friends of my Grandmother Nell Hogan. They were always considered extended family. Bud was a quiet, kind man , but he also had a good sense of humor. I will always remember how tall he was and I sort of considered him an "extra" Uncle. My thoughts and prayers go out to his family.

—Linda Hogan Snell



—Lisa



William was one of the friendliest and nicest people we knew. He always had lots of stories both local and from his Navy days. We learned a lot about the area from him and he always had time to talk with folks. He was a blessing to Trinity Church and he will be missed.

—Bob and Bunny Slough