



*William Joseph (Billy  
Joe) Canipe*

**March 15, 1954 - Dec. 28, 2025**

William Joseph (Billy Joe) Canipe, 71, of Connelly Springs, NC died Sunday, December 28, 2025 at Amorem Hospice in Valdese following a courageous battle with prostate cancer.

Born in Burke County, NC on March 15, 1954, he was the son of the late Zora Edith (Tippy) McLean of Connelly Springs. Billy Joe loved being in the outdoors hunting and fishing. He was a loving son, brother, husband, father, and grandfather.

Billy Joe is survived by daughters, Jaime Canipe of the home and Traci Canipe of Casar; grandson, Hunter Canipe of the home; brother, Ronnie Dean McLean of Forest City, NC; sisters, Sharion (Petey) Evans of Forest City and Lillie Setzer of Connelly Springs, NC; and numerous nephews and nieces.

In addition to his parents, Billy Joe was preceded in death by his wife, Reba Jean Stillwell Canipe.

The family will receive friends from 1 to 2 p.m., Friday, January 2, 2026 at Sossoman Funeral Home. A graveside service will follow at 3 p.m. at Olive Grove Baptist Church Cemetery in Casar.

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

arrangements.

# Tribute Wall



–Sandi Pruitt



–Vicky D Conley



You are in our thoughts and prayers. May the Lord give you grace and strength to get through this difficult time.

–Dwight and Bernice Mosteller

Sorry to hear about Billy Joes passing. I only have a few memories of him but they were all very positive. He will be missed. Blessings to all the family.

–Doug Mitchell