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William "Junior"

Secrest

Nov. 14, 1930 - April 24, 2026

William "Junior" Secrest, 95, of Drexel, NC went Home to be with Lord on Friday, April 24, 2026. He was born on November 14, 1930 in Burke County to the late Eva Secrest. He was a lifetime charter member of Drexel Memorial Baptist which he helped build and start up and was a member of Covenant Baptist Church of Baton. Junior was a veteran of the US Army serving in Germany during the Korean War. He was one who loved to talk and never met a stranger. Junior was active in the Drexel Fire Department obtaining the rank of Chief. He loved the town of Drexel and was always volunteering on various projects.

In addition to his mother, he was preceded in death by his wife, Durlene Secrest; brother, Wayne Secrest.

He is survived by his children, Mike Secrest (Mary) and Deborah Ann Collins (Jerry); grandson, Michael Secrest; brother, Jimmy Cheek and family; and a number of extended family.

There will be a graveside service at 2pm, Monday, April 27, 2026 at Burke Memorial Park. Military honors will be provided by the NC National Guard and Caldwell County Veterans Honor Guard.

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

arrangements.

Tribute Wall



Mike so sorry bout your dad. May the LORD BLESS and comfort you and your family.

–Randy and Susie Church

Deborah - I'm so sorry to see this, but I know he's had some difficult years. I thought of dropping by about a month ago but didn't know if 'dropping by' was a good idea. My home health visits with your dad were always a happy part of my day. He entertained me with so many stories of Drexel and we laughed about funny stories we were both familiar with. He was one of my favorites and I am so glad I got to spend time with him over the past few years. My thoughts are with you and your family.

–Kris Icard



Mr. Secrest was a fine gentleman. I met him in his home when his daughter Deborah was taking care of him there. He was not in good health at the time, but he never complained. He was genial and he mentioned being quite proud of Deborah.

–Julie Boatwright

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–Dale and Teresa Fender



Our prayers are with the family. We sure will miss Junior. He was a great man!

–Tony & Cindy Greer