



*William Samuel "Sam"*  
*Depew*

**Dec. 16, 1946 - April 18, 2026**

William Samuel "Sam" Depew, 79, of Morganton, NC passed away Saturday, April 18, 2026.

Born in Burke County, NC on December 16, 1946, he was the son of the late Samuel Sylvester Depew and Eddie Lois Houck Depew.

Sam was a member of El Bethel Baptist Church and was a Master Mason with Catawba Valley Masonic Lodge #217. He worked at Broughton Hospital as a social worker, then retired from J. Iverson Riddle Developmental Center as area director. Sam loved his dogs, Shilo and Sully. He also enjoyed farming, horses, hunting, and was a professional bowler.

Those left to cherish his memory include his son, Clay Depew; daughter, Diana Depew; grandson, Gordon Depew; and cousin, Susan Houck.

In addition to his parents, Sam was preceded in death by his brother, Richard Hyatt; and his faithful, loyal canine companions, Shilo and Sully.

The graveside service will be held at 11 a.m., Saturday, April 25, 2026 at Forest Hill Cemetery with Rev. Adam Love officiating. Masonic rites will be performed by Catawba Masonic Lodge #217.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Catawba Masonic Lodge #217 or to Burke County Friends for Animals.

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

# Tribute Wall



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