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Willie Lee Gross

Nov. 17, 1953 - July 7, 2026

Willie Lee Gross, 72, of Connelly Springs, NC passed away on Tuesday, July 7, 2026. He was born on November 17, 1953 in Petersburg, VA to the late A. A. Gross and Rachel Mayes Gross. Willie liked watching football and was a big Colts fan. He loved the mountains, classic cars and fishing. He also liked building things and had built many log cabins.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his wife, Roberta Metcalf Gross.

He is survived by his sons, Chad Limbo, Wesley Berry, Joshua Starr (Ashley), and Jessie Gross; daughter, Maria Gross (Donald Stansberry); grandchildren, Emma Starr, Alexa Star, Hayden Hartsoe, Logan Starr, Amber Gross Jade Gross and Zander Stansberry; brothers, Ray Gross and Danton Buff (June); sister, Tina Gross; nephew, Waylon Smith; niece, Jennifer Smith.

No services are planned at this time.

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

Tribute Wall



RIP Dear friend I've known you since I was a child my family loved you dearly Fly high Willie til we meet again

—Debra Tabor



Until We meet again my friend, I will hold you in the memories of School and Shelby RD, all the day's spent in the mountains of Cherokee and fishing on Shelby RD , Your smile and laughter could make the worst Day better and the twinkle in your eyes always ready to do something to make everyone laugh, I know brother Fred will miss you dearly, Lou Lou is heartbroken for the Paw paw Willie she loves so much, Thank you for your love and friendship through the year's and tears, give Mom a hug from me and Lou Lou, Life was sweeter because of my friend Will, Love you Big always

—Bobbie Barnes Craig



—Ronnie Buff



I'll meet you again someday my sweet brother! I'll always love you

–Tina Gross

Hello Daddy, It's your BabyGirl... I love you whole big bunches and gonna miss you just as much! I'm so thankful for all the Memories you left me with and the unbreakable bond we shared! I will never say Goodbye cause you will always be in my heart, I may not see you, but you're in my memories!! Sincerely Your BabyGirl

–Maria Gross