



*Yates Lynn Baker*

**June 29, 1939 - July 3, 2024**

Yates Lynn Baker, 85, of Morganton, NC passed away July 3, 2024.

Yates was born in Morganton, NC on June 29, 1939 to the late McKinley and Ruth Whitener Baker.

In addition to his late parents, Yates was preceded in death by his sons, Randy Lynn Baker and Timothy Yates Baker; ex-wife, Eula Baker; siblings, Cleeta Franklin, Lucille Baker, Hubert Baker, Gene Baker, Glen Baker, Arlene Rowe, Tate Baker, Reba Dandridge, Romilda Brittain, Paul Baker, and Clarice Burns.

Yates loved the Lord and was a faithful member of Hopewell Baptist Church in Morganton. He worked at Drexel Heritage for over 40 years. He loved gardening and canning, and he was well known for his pickled Beets. He loved to cook and everyone loved his chicken-n-dumplings. He also enjoyed watching NASCAR. Chase Elliott was his favorite driver of many.

He is survived by his daughter, Veda Walker (Allen); grandchildren, Macy Walker, Josh Baker (Heather), Kattie Shivick, Duel Baker (Yakelin), and Nicholas Baker; great-grandchildren, Rylee Baker, Maverick Baker, Jameson Shivick, Larson Baker, and Wrenley Baker; siblings, James Baker, Diane Rogers, Ray Baker, and Nancy Causby; and many nieces and nephews who he loved very much. Yates loved his neighbors

and many nieces and nephews who he loved very much. Yates loved his neighbors, especially Wesley and Jennie Chester. Wesley had become like a son to Yates in the last 16 years.

The family would like to say a special thank you to Yates' neighbors, David and Cindy Keys for always looking out for him and to Ray Smith, his best friend for 50 years, who helped take care of his garden when Yates became ill. The family can't thank him enough. They would also like to extend a heartfelt thank you to the staff at Amorem Hospice for the compassion shown to Yates.

The family will receive friends from 2 to 3 p.m., Saturday, July 13, 2024 at Sossoman Funeral Home. The funeral service will follow in the Colonial Chapel of the funeral home with Dr. Danny Emory bringing the message.

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

# Tribute Wall

We continue to pray for you all. We take comfort knowing that he is with the Lord. Wish we were closer, but you are in our prayers. Love you all! James

—James Baker and family

Yates was my second cousin. My father was Charles Stamey from Valdese. Aunt Ruth and Uncle McLinley loved their family. God bless you at this time and grant you peace.

—Janice Stamey Goodwin



Yates was my big brother hero. He's my hero because on my 13th birthday he gave me a birthday party with coconut cake and ice cream, which was purchased at Moses's Reeses Country Store on Connelly Road. Back then a birthday party with cake and ice cream was unheard of. He also saved me from a butt-whoopin' when I was supposed to go on a trip with my mom to Michigan. On the day we were supposed to leave my dad told me I couldn't go with Mom so I started crying. My dad was going to give me a butt-whoopin' however Yates told him, "they'll be no butt-whoopin' today, because you and Mom should have told her from day one she couldn't go." So that's just two of the reasons why he's my big brother hero. I love you Yates and I'm going to miss you, but I know where you are. There's no

tears, no pain, no pills, no blood transfusions, and no more parting over there. See you soon, your baby sister Nancy-number 16.

–Nancy Causby



Veda I'm so sorry to hear about your dad. He was a special man. I will keep you in my thoughts and prayers. May God comfort you and give you strength. Love you Lori Woodie

–Lori A Woodie



–Tamala Holland lane

So sorry for your loss Veda and family. He was a fine man. Your loss is Heavens gain

–Ray Clark

We are so sorry . Your dad was a good man who loved talking about old times .. Mike Gladden and I love to take him out to eat down to Buds or Timberwoods' .. he loved those hot dogs ! We will miss him just coming to talk or splitting wood .. he always ask about Diane's mom and Dad. He knew them from Pleasant Ridge and church softball .. he never failed to ask me about people from Pleasant Ridge when he found out that we went to church there.. he sure loved you . We will be praying for you in days ahead . Steve Diane Rhodes .. May Gods loving

arms give you comfort .. your Dad was my buddy !

–Diane Rhodes



Veda I'm so sorry for the loss of your Dad. I know you have been through so much lately. Losing your Mom and Dad so close together has to be the most painful thing ever to endure for one's life as an adult child. I send my deepest condolences to you and Macy and pray that God hold you tight and carry you as long as you need. Our friendship I cherish forever and will always be around if you need me. Lean on Jesus.

–Tamala Holland lane

I love you daddy so much and I have a big whole in my heart that nothing will ever fill! You were my dad, my friend and the best listener when I called to gripe about momma or Allen or work. I just can't believe the Lord would take you too! That I will never understand. I miss my mom but you and I had gotten so close over the last 16 years! I miss you so much daddy! My world will never be the same!

–Veda Walker



We are so sorry for your tremendous loss! Yates was a beloved friend to us. He taught us many things about gardening and canning. He and Rick shared the love of racing and Chase Elliot. When we cut our trees down Yates was thrilled to receive the wood from them. He loved his wood stove. He and Rick single handedly sawed up 2 huge tress we had professionally taken down and sawed up to make them easier for those fellas to handle, they were working on the third. Yates got so much enjoyment out of that time of gathering. Oh the tails those two could weave!! One year they canned beats together! That was a day to remember!! Yates was like the older brother I never had! He

remember. Yates was like the older brother I never had. He filled a spot in Ricks heart after he lost his older brother. We will cherish our memories always. May God comfort each of you as only he can during this time and the days ahead.  
Rick & Denise

–Rick & Denise Brank

He was good Uncle who loved the Lord. He loved to cook and loved his garden.  
Love you, UncleYates

–Bruce McCrary

Sorry to see that you have left us at this time Yates. You were a good neighbor to us. Loved hearing your stories and our trips to the dump and going down 18 to eat at restaurants. Your vegetables were great out of the garden. Any time I needed wood, you were there. Zalee will miss you on her birthdays to come. I liked sharing my suppers with you. Everyone should be a good neighbor! You will be missed in our neighbor. I know you will happy now. No more telemarketers .

–Cindy keys