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Zane Gray Short

Dec. 30, 1932 - Sept. 11, 2023

Zane Gray Short, 90, of Morganton, NC went home to be with the Lord on September 11, 2023 after several years of declining health. He was born in Cleveland County, NC on December 30, 1932 to the late Zero Guy Short and Cora Hunt Short. He was a member of Pleasant Hill Baptist Church in Morganton. Zane retired from Dana Corporation. He was a wonderful father and friend to many people over the years.

He is survived by his granddaughter, Robin Nicole Simoes and husband, Marcos of Winston-Salem, NC; and several nieces and nephews.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his wife, Martha May Walker Short; son, Zane Mitchell Short; sisters, Lesba Ledford, Selma Short, Mary Sue Carpenter, Lula Mae Morris and Scharleen Blevins; brothers, Odell Short, Grier “Joe” Short and Charlie Short.

The family will receive friends from 11am to 12pm, Friday, September 15, 2023 at Sossoman Funeral Home. The funeral will begin at 12pm in the Colonial Chapel of the funeral home with Dr. Jeffrey Beach officiating. Burial will follow at Pleasant Hill Baptist Church.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Billy Graham Evangelistic

Association, 1 Billy Graham Parkway, Charlotte, NC 28201 or to a charity of your choice.

The family would like to give a special thank you to all the staff of Shaire Center Nursing and Amorem (Hospice and Palliative Care) for the excellent care given to Zane over the last two years.

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

Tribute Wall

Zane was my best friend at Shaire Center, where I was part of his care team. He's double my age but, God still put us together. We spent a lot of time together in the last year and a half. We celebrated every holiday together as I don't get many holidays off. I did manage to get off Christmas Day 2022 but, I still came by to see him. We talked almost every day,sometimes for hours. He always had a smile. He never complained, even though the last couple of months have been especially hard. He was ready to go home to be with our Lord and said God had given him many more years than he deserved. God knew Zane was a missing part I didn't know I needed. I'd love to have one last hour long conversation and tell him just how much he meant to me and that I'm a better person because I had him in my life. He will be missed by me until my last breath. Zane was a very caring, kind, humble and selfless person. He loved God and the things of God. The world needs more people like Zane. It has been a privilege serving him and becoming friends. My prayers go out to his loved ones left behind. I've only had him in my life a short time and many of you have had years with him, some their entire lives. I know how much he loved those who went on before him and the ones that called and visited with him at Shaire. He always talked about you after you called or came to visit and said how God has blessed him. He was truly thankful for things we sometimes take for granted. He was very special to me. May you find comfort during this time, remembering the good times with him and knowing he's no longer in pain or sick. He's fully alive and he's fully whole, with our Savior. We will see him again.

–Stephanie Icenhour