



Don O'Brian Berry

Nov. 13, 1944 - Aug. 20, 2024

Don O'Brian Berry, 79, of Valdese, NC, went to be with the Lord on Tuesday, August 20, 2024.

Born in Burke County, NC on November 13, 1944, he was the son of the late Lester Edwin Berry and Florence Edna Townsend Berry. Don was a proud US Air Force veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a true patriot who loved his country. Don enjoyed traveling, boating, and spending the day on the lake with his family. He loved spending his vacations at Myrtle beach, in Biloxi, MS, and on Cruise ships. He was a talented handyman who loved to work. His favorite hobby was bowling. Don was a loving father to a total of six children; one was his own, the others he raised as his own. He was a member of Shady Grove United Methodist Church.

Don is survived by his wife, Linda Kay Rector Berry; sons, Michael Berry (Tonya) and Joey Berry (Beth); daughters, Paula Hammock (Joe), Jessica Pressley (Daniel), and Ashley Payne; step-children, Patricia Brinkley (William) and Mark Rector (Donielle); ten grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; sisters, Martha Warlick (Jerry) and Carolyn Morgan; and numerous extended family.

In addition to his parents, Don was preceded in death by his first wife, Cynthia Berry; daughter, Pamela Payne; grandson, Scott Berry; sisters, Audry Allison and Rachel

Berry; and brother Wayne Berry.

The family will receive friends from 2 to 3 p.m., Friday, August 23, 2024 at Shady Grove United Methodist Church. The funeral will be held at 3 p.m. with Rev. Mason Duvall and Scott Lowman officiating. Entombment will follow in Burke Memorial Park Mausoleum.

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

Tribute Wall



So sorry for your loss. We love y'all and y'all will be in our prayers.

–Teresa& Bo Sturgill

Linda – please know that the Faith Community Church Family are deeply saddened for your loss. I only met Don twice but I got that feeling he was a wonderful person even with our limited interaction these last two weeks. Praying for you and all who love him. If we can doing anything please let us know
William

–William Galloway

Linda, I'm so sorry to see this about Don . I'm so glad I got to you both at church the other week . May you be comforted at the time of sadness . Many prayers for you and your family . Kim & John

–Kim Milligan

To Paula Hammock and all the Berry Family. I am so sorry to hear about the loss of your dad, step-dad, husband, grandfather and friend. My condolences and prayers are with you during this difficult time. You loved and cherished him, but for God, even the more. Remember and meditate on all the wonderful times you shared. It will be as a healing balm to your soul. Let the tears fall as they may and

shared. It will be as a healing balm to your soul. Let the tears fall as they may and know that joy will return and better days are ahead.

—Pennie & Patrick Audrey

Linda, We are very sorry to hear this sad news. Don was a thoughtful and kind friend. Jane and John Poteat

—Jane and John Poteat

Linda so sorry for the loss of Don. We will keep you in our thoughts and prayers. Janice Puckett and Joyce Nichols.

—Janice Nichols Puckett