



*Gene Roark*

**Dec. 9, 1944 - Oct. 1, 2024**

Gene Roark, 80, of Morganton, NC, went to be with his Lord and Savior on Tuesday, October 1, 2024. He was born on December 9, 1944 in Burke County to the late Vernie Kenneth Roark and Ruby Nelson Roark. Gene worked as a plumber's assistant. He enjoyed the outdoors and loved all animals.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a brother, Kenneth Roark.

He is survived by his companion of twenty-five years, Leslia Jones, of the home; Christopher Jones and Nicholas Jones, who he considered his children; sister, Wanda Saulman.

The family will have a private funeral for Gene which will be held at a later date.

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

# Tribute Wall



–Anonymous

Thanks Cory , Lucille, and Billy for your kind words may God bless you guys with long lives ahead . Thanks the Jones family

–Christopher Jones

We love and miss you Gene my mom will never be whole again.. You were her safe place.. You will be missed greatly your loving family Chris, Nick , Leslie and,Reia

–Christopher &Reia

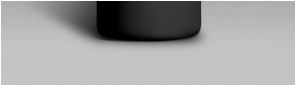
I love ya geno, gonna miss ya I'll see you little later on

–Cory Lackey



Prayers out too you guys ..I be praying 4 yall

–Billy Branch



So sorry to hear of Gene's passing. My daddy, Ford Bollinger and Gene were good buddies, and loved playing jokes on each other. We caught the same Oak

Hill school bus where Harris Road crossed the main highway that turned into the bypass going toward what is now Morganton Heights. Gene had a merry spirit and a sweet laugh, and never a bad opinion of anyone or a bad word to say about them. A few years passed when I didn't see him (after my daddy died) since I was at ASTC getting a teaching degree. I know Crystal and June Kuhne lived nearby back then, and I knew Gene was close to them. May he rest in peace until we meet again in Heaven.

–Lucille Bollinger Hartman