



John David Hightower

March 17, 1944 - Aug. 2, 2020

John David Hightower, 76, of Morganton, passed away Sunday, August 2, 2020 at Burke Hospice and Palliative Care. He was born March 17, 1944 in Caldwell County to the late William Dewey and Elizabeth Lela Brown Hightower.

In addition to his parents he is preceded in death by four brothers; Bill, Clyde, Paul, and Jim Hightower; and one sister; Norma Jean Hightower Carter.

John was a proud veteran of the United States Air Force in which he served during the Vietnam War. He was a Life Member of the Gamewell Optimist Club in Caldwell County, joining in 1985. He was also a charter member of the Gamewell Optimist Club Hall of Fame for the many years he spent coaching baseball in the various club leagues. He had a passion for the game and a love for the kids he coached. During the last two decades he found his happiness managing Mimosa Boat Landing at Lake James, which he did with his girlfriend Vicky.

Those left to cherish his memory are his son, Corbin Hightower and girlfriend, Stacey Woods, of Morganton; daughter, Shannon Saunders and husband, Richard, of Lenoir; two brothers, Ottis Hightower and wife, Alice, and Joe Hightower, all of Lenoir; two granddaughters; three great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

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The family respectfully requests that contributions be made to Burke Hospice and Palliative Care, 1721 Enon Rd, Valdese, NC 28690 or Gamewell Optimist Club, 3351 Sheely Rd, Lenoir 28645.

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

Tribute Wall

No tributes added yet.