



Larry Dean Coates

Nov. 18, 1956 - Nov. 18, 2024

Larry Dean Coates, 68, of Morganton, NC, passed away Monday, November 18, 2024.

Born in McDowell County, NC on November 18, 1956, he was the son of the late Neal Coates and Roxie Elizabeth Rice Coates.

Larry was a member of Nowling's Chapel Freewill Baptist Church and loved his church family. He enjoyed classic cars, outdoor activities, being a cut-up, and giving advice on how to fix cars.

Larry is survived by his sisters, Norma "Hazel" Norman and Lucie Cannon; numerous nieces and nephews; special friends, C.N. Baker, Jeff Epley, and others at the store; and his caregivers, Faye Frank and Tina Buff.

In addition to his parents, Larry was preceded in death by his two sisters, Shirley Davis and Betty Jean Campbell; and a brother, Leonard Coates.

The family will greet friends from 1 to 2 p.m. at Nowling's Chapel Freewill Baptist Church. The graveside service will follow at 2:30 p.m. in the church cemetery with Rev. Darvy Hensley and Rev. Bobby Shehan officiating.

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

Tribute Wall



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–Lisa Morgan

A GOOD GUY

–TIMOTHY LUTHER NORMAN

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Good friend and will be missed

–Bennett A Chapman

I will forever remember Larry. He has a special place in my heart. Every time I cut his hair he would tell me he watches my place. He would always tell me if I need anything to call him. I know he would be there for me. I will miss seeing him drive by and wave. He would go slow by the house because he said my grandkids would make him nervous. He was afraid they would run out in front of him. We would always talk the neighborhood and what was going on. Oh there is so much I could say. Rest in peace my friend till we meet again. Love all of you and I will be praying for you all. Teresa Schoenen

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