



Morris Ray Ward

May 6, 1939 - May 22, 2024

Morris Ray Ward, 85, of Connelly Springs, NC, passed away Wednesday, May 22, 2024.

Born in Yancey County, NC on May 6, 1939, he was the son of the late Howard “Dooley” Ward and Pauline Boone Ward.

In addition to his parents, Ray was preceded in death by his loving wife of 60 years, Ima Jean McIntosh Ward; and brother, James Doyle Ward.

Ray was the owner and operator of Ward’s Backhoe and Grading in George Hildebran for many years. He enjoyed watching local baseball games in support of his grandkids. In previous years he enjoyed spending time with his family at the log cabin he owned in the mountains. He was a strong, hardworking man who cared for his family.

Ray is survived by his children, Tammy and Clay Fisher of Lincolnton, Angie and Alan Miller of Statesville, and Keith Ward of George Hildebran; ten grandchildren; thirteen great-grandchildren; brothers, Gerald Ward (Linda) and Harold Ward (Mozelle); sister, Ruth Olsen; and a number of nieces, nephews, and extended family.

The family will receive friends from 3 to 4 p.m., Wednesday, May 29, 2024 at

Sossoman Funeral Home. The funeral will follow at 4 p.m. in the Colonial Chapel of the funeral home with Revs. Gerald Ward and Harold Ward officiating. Burial will follow at 6:30 p.m. at Boone Cemetery (located behind Plum Branch Baptist Church) in Burnsville, NC.

A special thank you to the late George "Danny" McIntosh and his surviving wife, Linda, in their continued love and support throughout the years.

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

Tribute Wall



So sorry prayers

–Shirley Butner

We are very sorry for your loss! The whole family will be in our prayers.

–The Gilberts

Sorry for your lose love you all .praying for you all everyday. Love Reynolds family.

–Kathy Reynolds

I'm sorry for the loss of your loved one, but I'm so glad that all our prayers over the years were answered when Ray accepted the Lord as his savior. He is now with the one who died for the sins of the whole world and is at peace for evermore. To God Be The Glory! __Your sister in Christ, Blaka Abee

–Blaka Abee

Gerald & Linda we are so sorry to hear of your loss. You and your whole family will be in our prayers. May God give you comfort, strength and peace to keep you through this time. knowing that we are in the all knowing hands of our Father and

through the time, knowing that we are in the all-knowing hands of our Father and safely hidden in our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

–Don & Sherry Adams

We are so sorry to hear about the passing of Mr. Ray. He was as down to earth as it gets, a man of few words. We love this family very much and will be praying for the peace of God to cover each one!

–Rev. Steve and Ann Sprinkle

We are very sorry for your loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with you. Love, Joe and Patsy

–Joe and Patsy Gibson