



*Riley "Chuck" Charles
Philyaw*

June 27, 1944 - June 29, 2024

Riley "Chuck" Charles Philyaw, 80, of Morganton, NC died Saturday, June 29, 2024.

Born in Caldwell County, NC on June 27, 1944, he was the son of the late Dan Philyaw.

Chuck attended and taught the Bible at The Way International. He joined the Navy at the age of 17 and served for 22 years. He retired as a supervisor from Henredon Furniture. Chuck enjoyed walking at the Greenway and he was a great friend.

Mr. Philyaw is survived by his brother-in-law, Don Munday (Mary); niece, Amanda Esser (Chris); many other extended family; and numerous friends from The Way.

In addition to his father, Chuck was preceded in death by his wife, Heidi Higa Philyaw; and twelve siblings.

No services are planned at this time.

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

Tribute Wall



I'm going to miss you my dear friend and brother I only knew you a short time but you helped me get through some tough times and when I was struggling with grief you were my strength and spiritual guide I pray that we meet again with our lord forever chuck

—John Burns



My sweet Chuck, I will terribly miss our little talks and fellowship more than you could ever imagine. I will never forget the profound impact you had in my life. You met me at a very dark time in my life but on the cusp of it all turning completely around and it was nothing at all unfamiliar to you. You gave me hope for the first time in decades, and made me feel like family, and not so overcome with shame. Your smile lit up a room and also myself I could feel better just seeing you smile. You were one of the only human beings I fully and completely trusted to bare my soul to, I knew that it was completely in a confidential whatever I told you. We only met a little over a year ago but I felt like we were old souls and friends for generations longer. I feel truly blessed and fortunate that we crossed paths you really helped me to understand God once again and restore my faith once again. You changed my life and was one of the only people that has ever helped me and believed in me

even when I didn't. You helped start me to change my life around and I will never forget your love and kindness you showed me. I love and miss you my brother you are God's masterpiece and also very missed

–Kimberly Brett Whittington