



*William Ralph Curtis*

**Dec. 11, 1930 - June 29, 2023**

William Ralph Curtis, 92, of Morganton, NC, entered eternal rest to be with the Lord on Thursday, June 29, 2023.

Born in Burke County, NC on December 11, 1930, he was the son of the late Walter Washington Curtis and Della Bently Curtis.

William was a lifelong member of Bethel Baptist Church. He worked as an independent contractor for the furniture industry for over 40 years and he was a veteran of the NC National Guard. He loved his family, and he enjoyed animals, farming, gardening, and making friends.

Mr. Curtis is survived by his children, William Gary Curtis (Betty) and Keith Dionne Curtis (Kathleen); step-children, Cathy Belasco (Tony), Annette Denton (Virgil), and Gary Hamrick (Regena); grandchildren, Gary Scott Curtis, Greg Curtis (Areil), Kimberly Garrison (Keith), Allen Curtis (Dara), Travis Carswell (Justin Davis), Erica Carswell, Champ Denton (Lauren), Kirby Denton, and Cody Hamrick (Mark); great-grandchildren, Anna Curtis, Alyson Curtis, Miranda Cole, Annabelle Curtis, Millie Denton, and Jack Denton; sisters, Ruby Wood and Pat Huntley; brothers, Bob, Clyde, Ray, and Charles Curtis; and numerous nieces and nephews.

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The family will receive friends from 2:30 to 4 p.m., Sunday, July 2, 2023 at Bethel Baptist Church. The funeral will be held at 4 p.m. in the church with Rev. Steve Curtis officiating. Entombment will follow in Burke Memorial Park Mausoleum with military honors provided by the NC National Guard.

Memorial contributions may be made to Bethel Baptist Church Cemetery Fund or to Medi-Home Health Agency.

The family would like acknowledge his caretakers, Sarah Curtis, Randolph Dykes, Reba Rogers, and Marie Dykes.

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

# Tribute Wall

So sorry for your loss. Please accept my condolences.

–Bruce Carpenter

–Erica Carswell

To the family, We were so sorry to hear of Ralph's passing, but what gives us all comfort is knowing he is in Heaven with Christ Jesus and has been reunited with Louise. Please know that all of you are in our prayers. Love and Prayers, Roger and Michelle

–Roger and Michelle McCoy



I remember most the man that took Gary and I aside a few weeks before boot camp and gave us a little fatherly type pep talk. I have forgotten most of what he said, but I will always remember and appreciate that he took the time to do it. Gary and Betty, Dionne and Kathleen, and all of Ralph's extended family are in my prayers.

–John Parker

To all of the family, We are so very sorry to hear of Ralph's passing but what gives us all comfort is knowing he is now home with his Savior, Christ Jesus and all of his loved ones who have gone on before. Love and prayers, Roger and

Michelle

–Roger and Michelle McCoy

Curtis family I enjoyed staying with Ralph for a little while. He was a sweet man.

I'm sorry for your loss. Love Debbie Dobson

–Debbie



Going to miss this wonderful father-in-law. I was truly blessed to call you my father-in-law. I will definitely see you in heaven!

–Kathleen Curtis



Taking care of Ralph has been my honor.

–Sarah Curtis

Dionne, Kathleen and family, so very sorry to hear of Ralph's passing. He had a kind and gentle spirit. We are keeping you all in our thoughts and prayers during this time. Love and prayers to you all! Gary and Jamie and Family

–Gary and Jamie Cline