



Ernest Lee "Ernie" Coker

July 4, 1948 - April 1, 2019

Ernest (Ernie) Lee Coker, Jr

Ernie passed away Monday, April 1, 2019 at Novant Medical Hospice Center in Matthews, NC at the age of 70 after a short battle with cancer.

Born in Charlotte, NC on July 4, 1948 to the late Earnest Lee Coker and Antonie (Toni) Buhr Coker, Ernie resided in Charlotte his entire life.

He was drafted into the Army at the age of 20 during the Vietnam war and served his country proudly.

Ernie is survived by his son Lee Coker, sister Liz (husband Jim), nieces, nephew, Aunt Annie in Germany and many cousins in the US as well as in Germany.

Ernie was a devoted loving father to his son Lee (Charlotte, NC), a wonderful loving uncle to his nieces Michelle Chappell (Atlanta, GA), Shannon Nicholas (Quincy, IL), Jennifer Yow (Greenville, SC), and nephew Paul Barrett (Charlotte, NC). His sister Liz loved him endlessly.

His greatest joy was fishing on the beach and drinking his Busch Lite beer, watching the women and talking to everyone at Sunset Beach, NC, Hatteras Island, NC, Davis Island, NC or fishing at the lake with his father-in-law Dave.

He was passionate about watching NC State college basketball, NASCAR racing and drag racing with his best buddy Kenny Floyd.

A Farewell celebration for Ernie will be held at Jim and Liz Katz house 616 Stratfordshire Dr., Matthews, NC on Saturday, April 13, 2019 between 2:00pm – 5:00pm.

Please plan to attend to have a final toast to Ernie who was LOVED by so many.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life Service

APR 13. 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

Jim and Liz's
616 Stratfordshire Drive
Matthews, NC 28105

Tribute Wall



“ Ernest Lee "Ernie" Coker

October 05, 2023 at 07:26 AM



“ Ernest Lee "Ernie" Coker

October 24, 2022 at 08:52 PM



“ I just learned of Earnie's passing and I am TRULY TRULY SADDENED !!!!!!! I met Earnie when we were in the 2nd grade and we have been friends ever since !! If I did not see Ernie I would pick up the phone and call my OLD BUDDY ERNIE and would pick up again talking about our childhood together !! When we were young Ernie went to Germany for about a year and I missed him deeply and was so glad when he got back to good old Charlotte !!!
ERNIE, I MISS YOU MY FRIEND AND WILL SEE YOU AGAIN !!!! SO I AM NOT SAYING GOOD BYE BUT I AM SAYING I WILL SEE YOU AGAIN LATER !!!!

TAKE CARE AND LOVE YOU LIKE A BROTHER !!!!!

Ken Pearson

Ken Pearsom - May 08, 2019 at 03:05 AM



“ Uncle Ernie was such a joy to be around. He always had a smile on his face, as you can see in his picture. I will never forget the time he was teaching Shannon (my sister) how to drive a straight drive. I sat quickly in the back seat giggling under my breath as we stalled out more than a few times. He was so patient with her and finally she caught on. We all had the best time together that day, just being together meant the world.

Jennifer Yow - April 10, 2019 at 08:07 PM