

Charles M. Bud

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Mr. Charles M. "Bud" Greene, age 69, of Hamptonville, NC and a former resident of Watauga County passed away Saturday evening, March 30, 2013 at Sycamore Shoals Hospital in Elizabethton. Born July 25, 1943 in Watauga County he was a son of the late Dayton Lawson and Lula Campbell Greene. He attended Cove Creek High School.

Those who knew him growing up have wonderful memories and were possibly a part of his childhood mischief, because if you were with him you know that he was full of the "mischief". People are still telling Bud Greene stories, because even being older did not change his mischievous ways.

His life took a wonderful turn when he went to Charlotte and met the love of his life Betty Sue "Cookie" Greene; little did he know that she was a local girl! Soon after came his first born Theresa and then his namesake Charlie.

Bud loved fast boats, cars and horses growing up which led to his career with Junior Johnson and Roger Penske Racing. He had a long career in racing and retired in 2010.

His family grew even more with his beloved grandchildren; Christian, Collin and Lawson. He never knew he would have such a weakness because he was a sucker for his grandkids! They could climb on him; dress him up really whatever they wanted to do because he loved them so dearly.

Everyone who knew him knew his real love was his family and friends and he was blessed with many. After he retired he spent the majority of his time at the lake where he and his son Charlie and other couples built a campground so they could enjoy being at the lake with family and friends. He couldn't wait for the summer so he could get to the lake and spend the weekends with his family where we have wonderful memories on the pontoon boat and sitting on the deck laughing at one another.

We know that Dad, "Granddaddy Bud" was welcomed in Heaven with open arms and this is not

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our goodbyes but we look forward to seeing you again in Heaven.

He is survived by his wife; Cookie Greene, on son; Charlie Greene and wife Tracy of Sugar Grove, one daughter; Teresa Thomas and husband Kevin of Zionville, three grandchildren; Christian and Collin Thomas and Lawson Greene, and four sisters; Nannie Greene and Louise Baird of Vilas, Mary Johnson of Boone and Floy Ehlers of Cincinnati, Ohio, and a number of nieces and nephews. In addition to his parents he was preceded in death by two brothers; Paul and Burl Greene.

Funeral services for Mr. Bud Greene will be conducted Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock at Union Baptist Church. Officiating will be Rev. Delmar James. Burial will follow in the Union Baptist Church Cemetery. Flowers are accepted or memorials may be made to the Union Baptist Church Cemetery Fund, in care of Roxanna Gilliam, 6797 Old US 421, Zionville, 28698.

The family will receive friends Tuesday evening from 6 o'clock until 8 o'clock at Austin & Barnes Funeral Home. At other times friends may call at the residence of Kevin and Theresa Thomas, 265 Ella's Way, in Zionville.

Online condolences may be shared with the Greene family at austinandbarnesfuneralhome.com. Austin & Barnes Funeral Home and Crematory is serving the Greene family.