
Ford Edison Morris

Funeral services will be Monday at Wellspring Church of God for Ford Edison Morris, 82, Hokes Bluff, who passed away on Friday, Aug. 16, 2013. Pastor Leon Crauswell and Pastor Don Rader will officiate. Burial will follow in Young's Chapel Cemetery.

Glencoe-Hokes Bluff Funeral Home and Cemetery is in charge of services.

Ford Edison Morris of Hokes Bluff died on Friday, Aug. 16, 2013, after a long struggle with chronic obstructive disease. He was 82 years old. A sergeant in the U.S. [Army](#) and decorated veteran of the [Korean War](#), Ford was captured on Nov. 2, 1950, by the Chinese Army. He spent three years in a North Korean prison camp, including a year in solitary confinement, where he endured physical torture, malnutrition and disease. Ford understood the cost of freedom as few can, and fiercely clung to his dignity and independence even through illness. He died in his home, surrounded by those he loved.

After retiring from Goodyear in 1985, Ford divided his time between Hokes Bluff and his cabin in Bryson City, N.C. Having lost three years of his life to captivity, Ford was most at peace when he was outdoors. His family recalls his almost daily proclamation: "Beautiful day! Birds singing, sun shining, grass growing, creek flowing! Beautiful day!" This simple benediction was his way of reminding his family to live simply and to breathe in the grace that surrounds them.

Ford leaves behind his wife of 59 years, Faye Osbon Morris; sister, Jo Ruth Smith of Jacksonville, Fla.; son, Michael (Kim) Morris of Washington, D.C.; daughter, Vicki (Johnny) Whitlock of Hokes Bluff; grandchildren, Lynsey (Graham) Barron, Zachary (Jessica) Morris, Jennifer (Tim) Black and Scott Whitlock; and great-grandchildren, Luke Barron, Landon Black, Julia Morris, Cecilia Morris and Lakyn Black.

Pallbearers will be Tim Black, Zachary Morris, Graham Barron, Randy Taylor, Scott Whitlock, Larry Sandlin.

Visitation will be from noon to 2 p.m. Monday at Wellspring Church of God.
