



Joseph "Mule" Tallent

April 22, 1939 - April 9, 2022

Joseph "Mule" Tallent spent almost 83 years on Earth. Born on April 22, 1939, he passed on to Glory on April 9, 2022. He was the last of his family, having been preceded in death by his parents, Harry and Mary Gray Tallent, and his brothers, Bill Tallent and Ralph Tallent.

Joe and his wife, Ellen Pearl Armstrong Tallent, who passed July 11, 2012, had three children, Joanne Tallent (Donnie), Karen Tallent, and Ricky "Ribs" Tallent who they adored. Their precious grandchildren, Jonathan Owens, Heather Gragg, Ashley Fort, (Traylon), Gabi Tallent, and Sam Tallent, along with their great-grandchildren, Kaydence Fort, Brooklyn Allen, Kennedy Grace Gragg, and Peyton Ellen Owens, were the icing on the cake.

Joe was a character. He loved to talk and never met a stranger. He was an entertainer, full of tall tales and, as we say in the country, "BS". He had a sharp mind, seeming as if he knew everybody and how they were related. He enjoyed being with people and his outgoing personality drew them to him. He truly was a people person.

Family was very important to Joe, and he always was involved in his kids' lives. When they were young, he and his wife coached youth basketball. As they grew older, he enjoyed helping Ricky with his race car and doing whatever he could for his girls. His grandchildren absolutely adored Joe, and it was mutual.

Despite his reputation for stretching the truth, Joe had one very true story about being struck by lightning. That, however, did not keep him from his love of the outdoors. He enjoyed fishing and camping and worked hard every year, planting a big garden. He always had horses and other farm animals, which gave him another reason to be outdoors.

Joe was a veteran who served in the United States Air Force as a firefighter. His CB handle, Fix It Man, described his love to tinker and repair whatever needed fixing. He was

always available to family and friends.

Joe is survived by his children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and several nieces and nephews.

A Celebration of Life will be held at 2:00pm, June 18, 2022, at Joe's residence.

Moffitt Family Funeral Care is honored to serve Joe's family.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

JUN **18**. 2:00 PM - 3:30 PM (ET)

Joe's House
3347 Georgia Rd
Franklin, NC 28734

Tribute Wall

MG

“ *Margie G lit a candle in memory of Joseph "Mule" Tallent*



Margie G - April 15 at 02:07 AM

MH

“ *Mule always had a tale. He always swore to me. I'll get you for greasing my door handles. Karen,Rick,Joanne. The world lost a good feller when your dad passed. Prayers for everyone*

mike holden - April 14 at 12:51 PM

TT

“ *He never had a dull moment. Goodness at the tales he could tell. A few might not be exactly true but he defiantly kept something going. He will be missed.*

*Thinking of the family,
Tracy Turpin*

tracy turpin - April 13 at 10:27 PM

MH

“ *My Daddy Ralph Tallent loved his younger brother so very much that he spent all the time with him he could. When I was born Daddy named me after his favorite brother. I'm proud to have Uncle's name, Mary "JO" Tallent. After their mom Mary, Jo after my favorite uncle. I am truly blessed. R.I.P.*

Mary Jo Tallent Hedden - April 13 at 11:18 AM

MB

“ *I enjoyed working with him at fruit of the loom. He would make me laugh. He was always kind and helped me at work.*



Mary Ann Brown - April 13 at 08:49 AM

KD

“ Few pics of dad



Karen (daughter) - April 12 at 10:10 PM

KH

“ Kathy Holland lit a candle in memory of Joseph "Mule" Tallent



Kathy Holland - April 12 at 09:47 PM

KD

“ Hey Dad. I'm gonna miss you so much. You were the best dad ever. Tell mom hello and give her hugs. I love you.

Karen (daughter) - April 12 at 09:03 PM

HT

“ Well Joe, I will really miss. Not going to be the same without you being there. Say Hi to my Dad and Ralph for me.

Harry Tallent - April 12 at 08:58 PM

JT

“ Jacqueline E Tallent lit a candle in memory of Joseph "Mule" Tallent



Jacqueline E Tallent - April 12 at 08:26 PM

JT

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with you all. I thought the world of your mom and dad. Always so friendly. And probably should have got onto all of us when we'd spend the night with Karen. But never told us to calm it down. Much love*

Jacqueline E Tallent - April 12 at 08:24 PM

J(

“ *Well dad, who am I gonna call now between 6:45 & 7:15 every nite while you watch Wheel of fortune or Jeopardy, ,I'm gonna miss you big. Give mom a hug for me. Until we meet again love you forever, Joanne*

Joanne (daughter) - April 12 at 07:57 PM

ML

“ *I am so very sorry for your loss. I will keep each of you in my prayers.*

Marie Ledford - April 12 at 07:52 PM

J(

“ *Joanne (daughter) lit a candle in memory of Joseph "Mule" Tallent*



Joanne (daughter) - April 12 at 07:42 PM

NH

“ *Mule and Ms. Ellen. What a couple. Never an argument or cross word to each other. Fun loving and people loving. Thoughts and orders to the family. Michael, Nancy Hoagland and family.*

Nancy Hoagland - April 12 at 11:29 AM

MC

“ *Moffitt Family Funeral Care lit a candle in memory of Joseph "Mule" Tallent*



Moffitt Family Funeral Care - April 12 at 09:57 AM