



John Wesley Neely

March 2, 1944 - December 8, 2025

John Wesley Neely "Sunny Cool", 82 of Salisbury, NC, passed away on December 8, 2025.

He was born March 2, 1944 in Rowan, NC son of Henry Neely and Edith Harris (Neely). Sunny Cool enjoyed riding around in his hat and shades, always carrying himself with confidence and style. He lived by his favorite saying: "I live every day like Christmas, because tomorrow isn't always promised." Family was the most important part of his life, and he will forever be remembered as Sunny Cool, a devoted father, son, brother, uncle, and friend. He especially cherished the time he spent with Jaquel. Everyone who knew him was well aware of his love for the ladies, whether he was at the nursing home acting as the "Mayor" or simply sharing his warm, charming personality wherever he went.

John is survived by his children: Gloria Miller, Pastor Victor C. Torrence (Donna Cherry Torrence), Cora Johnson (Christopher), and Deseree Austin; his sister, Christine Thompson (Willie); 28 grandchildren and great-grandchildren; six nieces; as well as nephews, cousins, his church family, and many friends.

John was preceded in death by his parents, Henry and Laura Neely; his brother, Henry Neely Jr.; his sisters, Mary Rebuk, Betty Kitchen, and Helen

Robbin; and his daughter, Demetra Neely, and daughter-in-law, Donna Cherry Torrence.

A service will be held by the family.

Cavin-Cook Funeral Home & Crematory, Mooresville, is serving the Neely family. Condolences may be made to the family at www.cavin-cook.com.