



Merritt Eslick

May 8, 1952 - July 15, 2025

Merritt Eslick, age 73, of Cornelius, NC, passed away on July 15, 2025. Originally from Pulaski, Tennessee, Merritt was born on May 8, 1952, to Sadie Colbert Eslick and Edward Eugene Eslick, Sr.

Merritt was born a salesman! He loved to talk and never met a stranger. He began his career as a newspaper carrier, delivering papers on his bike and won a Salesmanship ring in the "500 Club" for his subscription sales. From there Merritt worked while in school at A&P Grocery and later started his career with American Tobacco Company. He later moved on to United States Tobacco Company where he was employed and retired after 30 years, while moving through different positions and divisions of the company. This career was his joy, and he loved his work with key accounts and his many co-workers. In his retirement, Merritt enjoyed working for his son and others at the many Randy Marion dealerships and cheering on his favorite teams, the Atlanta Braves, the University of Tennessee, NASCAR and F1 Racing.

Merritt studied at Martin Community College, now University of Tennessee, South and Northwestern University, earning his masters in Marketing.

Merritt was preceded in death by his parents, along with his brothers, John Levi Eslick, Sr., Edward Eugene Eslick, Jr, James Ralph Eslick, Joe Thomas Eslick, and Robert Kenneth Eslick.

He is survived by his wife of 46 years, Moninda Biggers Eslick, of Cornelius, his much-loved children, son, Wesley Brandon Merritt Eslick and wife, Amanda, of Troutman, NC, Moninda Lindsay Eslick, of Cornelius, Meredith Brozda and husband, Rich, of Spring Hill, TN. In addition, he is survived by his beloved grandchildren, Anthony Eslick, Claire, Charlotte, and Collie Brozda, as well as his sisters-in-law, Pearl Boatright Eslick, Margaret Wharton Eslick, and Cynthia Helen Biggers, and brother-in-law, Phil Grantland Biggers, Jr and wife, Mary, nieces, Pam Eslick Stafford and husband Greg, Donna Eslick Rathbun and husband, Will, Amy Eslick Sexton and husband, Dwight and nephews, John L Eslick, Jr., Bobby Eslick, and Kevin Biggers, as well as many, many friends.

Also missed by many family pets, Merritt loved his dogs!

Visitation with the family will be held at Cavin-Cook Funeral Home on Sunday, July 20, from 2:00-4:00 PM.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the American Cancer Society or any animal shelter of the donor's choice.

Cavin-Cook Funeral Home and Crematory, Mooresville, is serving the Eslick family.

Condolences may be sent to the family at www.cavin-cook.com.

Previous Events

Receiving Friends

JUL **20**. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Cavin-Cook Funeral Home
494 E. Plaza Drive
 Mooresville, NC 28115

Tribute Wall



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Merritt Eslick.

July 19, 2025 at 08:39 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Merritt Eslick.



July 19, 2025 at 08:39 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Merritt Eslick.



July 18, 2025 at 01:29 PM



“ Brandon L. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Merritt Eslick.

Brandon L. - July 17, 2025 at 12:51 PM

LD

“ Lydia Diaco lit a candle in memory of Merritt Eslick



lydia diaco - July 17, 2025 at 08:15 AM

TF

“ We are deeply sorry for all of the family for the loss of your beloved Merritt. As neighbors for the last three years, we may not have known each other well, but there was always a wave, a smile and hello that is comforting to know your neighbors even in passing. Please know our thoughts are with your family during this difficult time. Please let us know if there is anything we can do. We wish you comfort and peace in the days ahead. God bless all of you.

The Russo Family - July 17, 2025 at 12:22 AM

ML

“ Mo I am so sorry for your loss. Slick was a wonderful person to work with. His demeanor was such that he could lighten the most stressful of situations while at the same time solving the issue. He was kind, generous, and a gentleman. He made people feel meaningful and their contributions significant. Just an incredibly selfless man. May God's grace and comfort be on you all! Mark Lawson family.

Mark Lawson - July 16, 2025 at 08:37 PM

MK

“ MaryAnn Kavanagh planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Merritt Eslick.

MaryAnn Kavanagh - July 16, 2025 at 07:52 PM

MK

“ *MaryAnn Kavanagh purchased the Basket Full of Wishes for the family of Merritt Eslick.*



MaryAnn Kavanagh - July 16, 2025 at 07:52 PM

SR

“ *Moninda & Family,
My condolences, thoughts and prayers are with you.*

Merritt and I worked together through high school and for a while afterwards at A&P Grocery in Pulaski. We spent so many memorable times at that store, doing whatever needed to be done, whenever it needed doing. When we weren't working, we were usually together detailing our cars, his '67 Fairlane and my '67 Chevelle. Skipping school on Fridays after going into work at 6:00 a.m. to unload the stock truck quickly became the norm for us...going to Huntsville to look at cars was always the much better option.

I hate that we lost touch after leaving Pulaski...so many good memories.

Godspeed my Friend.

Steve Rogers

Steve Rogers - July 16, 2025 at 06:18 PM

MO

I have heard many stories about you and Merritt!

moninda - July 16, 2025 at 08:51 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Merritt Eslick.

July 16, 2025 at 01:38 PM



“ Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Merritt Eslick.



July 16, 2025 at 01:38 PM