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**T**homas Jackson Helms, 81, of New London passed away peacefully at his home on March 16, 2026. A memorial service to celebrate his life will be held at a later date.

Born February 1, 1945 in Dillon County, South Carolina, he was the son of the late Grady Helms and Agnes Jackson Helms. Mr. Helms was a retired construction supervisor who spent many years working hard to provide for his family. Known for his strong work ethic, he often worked six days a week and took great pride in the life he built through dedication and perseverance.

Mr. Helms believed that living a good life was one of the greatest accomplishments a person could achieve. He was a loving man who genuinely enjoyed people and conversation. He never met a stranger and was well known for his gift of storytelling, often sharing memories and adventures from throughout his life.

He had a generous spirit and a servant's heart, always willing to step up when someone needed help, even when he didn't have to. Those who knew him understood that he would gladly give the shirt off his back for someone in need.

In his spare time, he enjoyed riding his Harley-Davidson motorcycle and spending time fishing. Above all, he cherished his family, especially his grandchildren and great-grandchildren, who brought him tremendous joy.

He is survived by his loving wife, Judy Morgan Helms, of the home; three children, Leslie Cassells (Jimmy) of Oakboro, Mandy Burnette (Phillip) of New London, and Jamie Burnette of New London; one brother, Grady Helms of Fuquay-Varina; one sister, Dawn Helms Strawn (Raymond) of Peachland; four grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his son, Mike Helms, and siblings Marilyn Purser, Anne Helms, and Randy Helms.



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Mr. Helms will be remembered for his hardworking nature, generous heart, and the many stories and conversations that brought laughter and connection to those around him.



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**Michael Hearne** posted:

Cousin Jack was a wonderful life force. He was a great joke teller who loved to laugh. Ellen (France's daughter)

March 26 at 2:58 PM



**Tommy Leslie** posted:

Working side by side with Jack on the fellowship hall at Freedom Tabernacle was a great time for me. I really enjoyed working with him. I knew him as my brother in Christ will see him again. We love you sister Judy will be praying 🙏 for comfort for the entire family.

March 18 at 9:40 PM



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