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Some people leave behind accomplishments. Others leave behind memories. Amos O. Mantyla III left both — and the lives he touched will never be the same because of him.

Born on January 16, 1953, Amos was the kind of man who could always be counted on. He believed in hard work, showing up for people, and loving his family with everything he had. Whether he was at the fire department, out on the water with a fishing pole in hand, or gathered around a table with those he loved most, Amos made people feel safe, welcomed, and valued.

To know Amos was to know loyalty. For 56 years, he shared life with the love of his life, Faye Toler Mantyla. Together they built a family filled with love, laughter, and countless memories. He was a proud and loving father to Amos Mantyla IV and Jenny Myers (Curt) but perhaps one of his greatest joys came in being “Papa” to Caleb Myers, Zachary Myers, and Katie Myers. He treasured every moment spent with his grandchildren — especially the days coaching baseball, cheering from the sidelines, and piling into the car for another family road trip.

Amos never needed the spotlight. He simply served where he was needed. For many years, he worked faithfully at PCS Phosphate before retiring. Yet even after long workdays, he continued serving his community through the West New Bern Volunteer Fire Department. There, he became more than a firefighter — he became a brother, a mentor, and a trusted friend. He faithfully served as a retired member of the department, on the Board of Directors, and on the Firemen’s Relief Fund Board. His dedication to others was woven into the fabric of who he was.

He was also deeply connected to his fraternal community, proudly holding membership in St. John’s Masonic Lodge No. 3, the Scottish Rite, and Sudan Temple. Those organizations reflected the same values Amos carried throughout his life: integrity, service, fellowship, and compassion.

But beyond the titles and responsibilities was a man who truly loved life’s simple gifts. Amos loved hunting at sunrise, fishing in peaceful waters, afternoons at the creek, and evenings at the beach with the people he loved most. He had a steady presence — the kind that made everything feel alright just because he was there. And for those who loved him most, his voice and wisdom will forever echo in their hearts: “Keep your eye on the cross” and “Do the right thing.”

He was preceded in death by his parents, Amos Mantyla Jr. and Lera Lily Mantyla, and his brother, Al Gene

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Left to carry his memory forward are his beloved wife; his children and grandchildren; a daughter who recently came into his life, Charlene Huber (Brandon); brother, Ronnie Mantyla and wife Cindy; several nieces, nephews, cousins; and his cherished Aunt Beanie, along with countless friends whose lives were made better by knowing him.

Though his family grieves deeply, they also give thanks for a life well lived — a life marked by faithfulness, humility, service, and love. Amos leaves behind more than memories; he leaves behind a legacy that will continue in every life he encouraged, every person he helped, and every family moment he made special.

The family will receive friends from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. on Tuesday, May 26, 2026 at Highland Park Christian Church, 905 Carolina Avenue, Trent Woods, NC 28562. A funeral service honoring Amos' life will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Wednesday, May 27, 2026, at Highland Park Christian Church with Pastor Rex Bennett officiating. Burial will follow at Greenleaf Memorial Park, where he will be laid to rest beside his parents.

Flowers are welcome or contributions may be made in memory of Amos to ALS TDI research by calling (617) 441-7204.

Bennett Funeral and Cremation Care is honored to serve the family and friends of Amos O. Mantyla, III.