Obituary

Sheldon Lyle Figland, 75

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Sheldon Lyle Figland was preceded in death by his parents; two brothers: Chester Thomas and Chester U. Figland, and two sisters: Margaret (Clair) watts and Grace (Ray) Hoover; a brother-in-law, Jim Turner. Memorial contributions may be made to the Searsboro Fire Department. Condolences may be given to the family at www.hollandcoblenumeralhome.com.

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