



*Caroline Hamilton*  
*Ervin*

**April 15, 1941 - Feb. 28, 2024**

Caroline Hamilton Ervin, 82, of Morganton, NC, passed away peacefully on February 28th, 2024.

Caroline grew up in Morganton in a home known as “Furnifold” and spent some days hanging out at the Home Laundry, that her father owned. She also spent time on the weekends with her Hennessee family in Glen Alpine and summers at their cabin in Gingercake Acres, swimming and riding horses. She married and raised her 3 children. Caroline opened C. Ervin & Associates Real Estate Company in 1989 where she was a successful real estate broker for 20 years. She was a charter member of the Morganton Service League and served on the board of Southmountain Institute giving years of volunteer service. She was a caregiver for Nelle and Paul Hennessee.

Caroline was an adventure traveler and traveled to the Galapagos, China, India, Africa and Ireland. For her 70th birthday, she went on a road trip across the United States. Caroline had a passion for politics and enjoyed educating her Facebook friends. She celebrated her Irish heritage with a large celebration each year on St. Patrick’s Day.

Caroline attended St. Genevieve of the Pines, St. Mary’s of Raleigh, Converse College

and UNC Chapel Hill.

Preceded in death by her parents Cecil Dane Hamilton and Charles Hennessee Hamilton and her brother, Dane. Caroline is survived by children Kim Ervin Smith (Keith), Laura Ervin Mulwee (Scott) and John W. Ervin, III (Claire); Seven grandchildren Dorothy Smith, Tom Randolph, Jr. and partner John Cagle, Stephen Smith and fiancé Sarah, Julia Randolph Rohde (Tom), Caroline Smith, Grace Ann Ervin, Jack Ervin and coming in May, great-grandchild Ella Caroline Rohde. She is also survived by sisters-in-law Dorothy Ervin and Frankie Boyd and her birth siblings Nancy Eaves, Leigh Harris, Dianne Mann and Wilbur Wells. Close family friends are Linda Caldwell, Noah Pitts, Shalana Grogan, Terrace Place neighbors, her bird Raffi and Morganton lifelong friends. A visitation will be held from 2 to 4 p.m., Sunday, March 3rd, 2024 at Sossoman Funeral Home.

Memorial contributions may be made to a charity of your choice.

The family would like to express their appreciation to the loving and caring staff at Amorem Hospice.

Sossoman Funeral Home and Crematory Center is assisting the family with the arrangements.

# Tribute Wall

My condolences Mrs Ervin always was warm and welcoming to us kids growing up the whole Mi casa su casa thing she lived it ... a bright and generous spirit .. sad to hear this RIP

—James Isenhower

OMG! I had no idea! I am heartbroken and shocked at this news. To the children and grandchildren of Caroline; you have my deepest sympathy and heartfelt condolences. May you forever be comforted by your happiest memories of times spent with her and may she rest in sweet Heavenly Peace. I babysat Kim and Laura Scott when home was on Powe St.

—Greta Tate

Dear Laura, Kim, and John, I was sorry to hear about Caroline. Thinking of your Mom brought back fun memories of our high school years. Coming in through your front door no matter what time of day or night finding Caroline in her spot on the sofa with a cold cup of coffee or wine waiting to hear what we had gotten into. I so remember her laugh as we told our far fetched stories. May you all find your heart and mind filled with happy memories of your Mom. Take care.

—Anne Cantrell Day

Ervin's, please accept my condolences. Your mom, and your whole family, was very warm and welcoming to me throughout my teenage years. I have very fond

memories of that time and you all. I can close my eyes and clearly imagine your mom placing her New York Times crossword on her lap and peering over her reading glasses to welcome me into your home. Thoughts and prayers. Sincerely  
Christopher McBrayer

—Christopher McBrayer



—Kathy Hemphill

Dear Kim, Laura, and Little John, I was so sorry to hear of your mom's passing. She was a good , good friend through all my days in Morgantown- a true encourager of mine and a great comforter in the down times. We had a lot of good times and managed to get through the bad ones together. I will miss knowing she was with us. My love and sympathy to you all/always so hard to lose a mother. Mary Beth Becker

—Mary Beth Becker

So sorry to hear this. Your family will be in my thoughts and prayers.

—Bob Ramsey

Laura- Mom and I are sad to hear the news of your mother's passing. We will keep you and the Ervin family in our thoughts and prayers. Debra Clark and Betty Clark

—Debra Clark

I am so sorry for your loss.

—Lisa Barnes



This broke my heart when I learned this sad news. Caroline was truly all that, encouraging, inviting, dry humor and seriously motivating. She invited me into her home and treated me like her best friend. I will always remember her and appreciate her for her charm, wit and candor. She was such a champion for things being done right and didn't like hidden agendas. Rest high on That Mountain Caroline, SIHP. To the family Laura, Kim, John and her grands whom she adored may you find comfort in knowing that GODs got you all and lean into him. I offer my deepest condolences.

—Ruth Roseboro

Oh, Caroline! Condolenses to your family. I'm sure you will be missed by many. You were one of a kind! What terrific birthday parties you had as a child! And great fun at Camp Morehead including the overnight train trip to get to a bus in the eastern part of the state for the rest of the drive to Morehead City. Long trip back then! During the first week of our freshman year at MHS in Algebra I, we were sitting beside each other and you told me your mother was making you go to St. Genevieve's in Asheville. The following week you were gone. I was in town briefly when you gave birth to your first daughter and we had a short visit at Grace Hospital - still across the street from MHS. Took us a long time to reconnect. By then I had lived in Africa 20 years and you had visited Botswana and loved it! And then there were a few class reunions before I left again. Thanks for being a telephone consultant with some of my writing. Even though the subjects we discussed were not a joke we always ended up with loads of laughter about various other topics. Miss you already! Your Fellow Brownie Scout Philecta Clarke Staton

—Philecta Clarke Staton

Caroline and I crossed paths many times during my lifetime. From horse riding to leprechauns, she was always learning, exploring and experiencing new things, and her enthusiasm was contagious. She shared her knowledge and her gifts, and anyone who was lucky enough to attend one of her St. Patrick's Day parties had an evening they wouldn't forget. People like Caroline always live in your memories. All of you --children, family, and friends, have my deepest sympathy because this treasure of a person has gone on to yet another experience. Farewell to a blithe spirit of our times.

–Susan Houck

To my favorite childhood friend. I always loved you and thought we were sisters as we had the same name. And , oh my, such memories I have of the times we were together  
The Other Caroline

–Caroline Hargus

I only got to know Caroline within the last 8-10 years or so. We were long lost cousins and she touched me and my family in so many ways. My recently deceased mother, Pearl Finch, adored Caroline and had been so thrilled to get to know her. I so grateful that Caroline came into our lives. Please know that my heart, thoughts and prayers are with her family.

–Jane Flowers Finch



Caroline was my dear sister. We met late in life and bonded immediately. It was sad that we had not known each other always but very sweet to finally know our love for each other. She gave me this dear family that I will always cherish. I will miss our talks and sharing her beautiful stories of family and travels. She loved her family deeply. My heart embraces you all!

–Leigh Harris

Caroline was a beautiful and brilliant lady. She was so imaginative and creative. We were always so happy to spend time with her as a friend and as part of our extended family. We loved her energy, and we will miss her greatly. Our love, thoughts, and prayers are with the family.

–Ron and Annelle Mulwee

We are so sorry to hear this news. Please know you are all in our prayers. Mike and Allyson Daly

–Michael and Allyson Daly

So sorry for your loss.

–jim belote

Caroline was a wonderful person, very intelligent and funny. She will be missed by all of us who knew her. My regards to Kim and Laura, with whom I went to school.

–Peggy Beach