



Darese Buff Robinson

June 21, 1930 - Feb. 12, 2024

Darese Buff Robinson, 93, of Valdese, NC, went home to be with her Heavenly Father on Monday, February 12, 2024.

Born in Burke County, NC on June 21, 1930, she is the daughter of the late Scott Buff and Ethel Cooper Buff.

Darese was a member of First Baptist Church in Valdese and retired from J. Iverson Riddle Developmental Center.

Mrs. Robinson is survived by her son, Richard "Rick" Robinson (Dereama); daughter-in-law, Rhonda Ramsey Robinson; grandchildren, Jamie Robinson, Tiffany Robinson Russ, Heidi Bristol (Ian), Jason Robinson, and Jeremy Robinson (Melanie); great-grandchildren, Hannah, Tabitha, Benjamin, Malachi, Greysen, Alana, Austin, Luke, and Kendall; three great-great-grandchildren; sister, Gaynell McNeely; and a number of nieces and nephews.

In addition to her parents, Darese was preceded in death by her husband, Rev. James McCoy "Doodie" Robinson; son, Alan Robinson; brother, Bill Buff; and sisters, Eloise Dellinger and Irene Good.

The family will receive friends from 1 to 2 p.m., Saturday, February 24, 2024 at

Sossoman Funeral Home. The funeral will be held at 2 p.m. in the Colonial Chapel of the funeral home with Rev. Dr. Josh Lail officiating. Burial will follow in Burke Memorial Park.

Memorial contributions may be made to [Carolina Caring, 3975 Robinson Road, Newton, NC 28658](#) or [First Baptist Church of Valdese, 500 Faet St. NW, Valdese, NC 28690](#).

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

Tribute Wall



Our heart breaks at the passing of my sister. Our talks on the phone were so important to me. Hearing her voice brought me joy and love. Gerry and I will keep you all in our prayers. We will be with you all in your thoughts and hearts. Love, Gerry and Gaynell

–Dr. Gerald and Mrs. Gaynell McNeely



We send our deepest condolences, love and prayers to the family. We are saddened by the passing of Aunt Darese. Talking to her on the phone was always a breath of sunshine. She will be truly missed. All our love and prayers

–Dr. Paul and Mrs. Maria McNeely

Peace and enjoy the memories, as I continue to as well! Love from Tate family

–Jane Tate



Aunt Darese, one of the most kind and beautiful women I ever knew; a real lady who loved The Lord and lived her faith. Much love and prayers to Rick, his family, Rhonda, her family and all others who loved her.

–Frances Robinson



–Anonymous

Rick and Dereama, sorry to hear of your loss. Praying for all of you.

–Debra Fleming

I worked with Darese in Birch Cottage at the Center. She always had such love and caring for all the precious girls in this home. She was warm, kindhearted and mothered everyone who worked with her. I can still hear her voice and see her smiling. She will be missed. Sending love and hugs to all her family

–Melissa Leach Hinze

Darese, was a very wonderful friend. We worked together at the Iverson Institute on the night shift. She was a very good co.worker.

–Ms. Glennis B. Clark

Family, we are so sorry for your loss. Mrs. Robinson was truly a grand, kind and gentle woman. Her smile always brightened a room. Heaven gained an Angel.

–Laura and Tracy Crawley