



*Effie McNeely Thorne*

**July 10, 1930 - June 16, 2024**

Effie McNeely Thorne, 93, of Hickory, NC, died Sunday, June 16, 2024.

Born in Cleveland County, NC on July 10, 1930, she was the daughter of the late Julius Marvin McNeely and Mary Earl McNeely.

Effie was a member of St. John Baptist Church and worked as Hamrick's. Earlier in her career she worked as daycare parent. She loved camping with her family, going to seafood restaurants, and playing board games. She was an excellent cook and enjoyed teaching her family how to cook.

Effie is survived by her son, Reuben Thorne, Jr.; grandsons, Jason Thorne and Stephen Thorne; great-grandchildren, Brysen Thorne, Brayden Thorne, Nate Thorne, Natalia Thorne, and Nova Thorne; and sisters, Lillie Bolick and Mamie McNeely.

In addition to her parents, Effie was preceded in death by her husband, Reuben Merlin Thorne, Sr., son, Roy Thorne; and sisters, Hettie Roberts, Ruby Huffman, and Vernie Huffman.

The family will receive friends from 2 to 3 p.m., Sunday, June 23, 2024 at Sossoman Funeral Home. The funeral will follow at 3 p.m. in the Colonial Chapel of the funeral home with Rev. Kenneth Bryant officiating. Burial will follow at St. John Baptist

Church Cemetery.

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

# Tribute Wall

Effie may you rest in peace and soar high with those big angel wings in heaven as you used them to wrap around everyone down here on earth. I will never forget you. You was a big part of my life as I was growing up. I will never forget the times of talking with you and giving me talks about needing to behave and minding my mother and to always check in with her. Thank you for the impact you had in my life. Love you always. Joey

—Joey Barlow

Beautiful lady inside and out! Loved talking to her when over visiting with my friends Steven and butch!!! And many laughs when I painted inside for her and Jr! She will be missed by so many and I'm blessed to have been allowed the chance to have met such an amazing caring and wonderful person as miss effie!! Prayers to the family and friends!

—Misty



Mrs Sweet Effie, You were an amazing lady. You always put your family first, before your own needs. While here on earth you were a angel in waiting, and now you have wings. Fly high and rest in the Lords arms. You willed be missed by so many. We Love You ! Linda and Roger Slaughter

—Linda Slaughter



A nice lady and a good mom, wife, and grandmother who will never be forgotten and always remembered. She always did her best for those around her. God bless and keep her safe.

–Tina Campbell



Rest in peace aunt Effie your life here on earth was never easy you're with uncle Reuben now I love you

–Helen Pierce



Rest easy Effie. You were loved dearly and I am thankful for all you have done for your family over the years. I'm sure you are rejoicing with Ruben, Butch and all the others that were awaiting you in Heaven...until we meet again...

–Lori McDonald



rest in peace..

–RALPH THORNE



I loved you very Much Miss Effie and I'm gonna miss your bright smiling face. You did so much for me in your life time and I will be forever grateful to you.

–Candace McDonald

