



Oct. 11, 1937 - Dec. 10, 2015

Ethel Bailey McNeely, 78, went home to be with the Lord on Thursday, December 10, 2015. Born in Avery County, NC on October 11, 1937, she was the daughter of the late James Clifton Bailey and Virginia Haga Bailey. Ethel was a member of Mountain Grove United Methodist Church and had attended Calvary Baptist Church. She kept children at her house for 18 years. Ethel took care of her mother before her death and also took care of her son, Ricky, for many years. She worked at several of the local textile plants.

Ethel is survived by her sister, Carolyn Johnson and her husband, Ralph, of Claremont and a number of nephews, nieces, great-nephews, and great-nieces.

In addition to her parents, Ethel was preceded in death by her husband, Vernon Gilbert McNeely; son, Richard "Ricky" McNeely; a sister, Alice Bollinger; and a brother, Robert Bailey.

The family will receive friends from 2 – 3 p.m., Saturday, December 12, 2015 at Mountain Grove United Methodist Church. The funeral will be held at the church at 3 p.m. with the Rev. Jennifer Hiatt officiating. Burial will follow in the church cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to Mountain Grove United Methodist Church, 3625 Fish Hatchery Road, Morganton, NC 28655.

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

No tributes added yet.