



*Gloria Elizabeth
Perkins Keller*

March 8, 1945 - Feb. 9, 2023

Gloria Elizabeth Perkins Keller, 77, of Morganton, NC, passed away Thursday, February 9, 2023.

Born in Burke County, NC on March 8, 1945, she was the daughter of the late James Thomas Perkins, Sr. and Mattie Elizabeth Clontz Perkins. Gloria was a member of Bethel Baptist Church where she taught adult and children's Sunday school, taught Vacation Bible School, and was choir director for the adults and children. Mrs. Keller worked at Shadowline and retired from the Vocational Rehabilitation Facility for the state of North Carolina. She and her husband enjoyed traveling with their friends.

Gloria is survived by her brother, Bill Perkins; children, Dennis L. Keller (Lee) and Teresa Keller Beach (Maurice); grandchildren, Melina Keller, Allison Keller, Megan Tallent, Clay Beach (Katelyn), and Hayden Beach; and numerous nieces and nephews. The family would also like to express their appreciation to Gloria's friends and caregivers, Sandy, Laura, Alice, and Kelli.

In addition to her parents, Gloria was preceded in death by her husband, George L. Keller; brothers, Jimmy, Burl, Nial, Carroll, and Ned Perkins; and sisters, Jean Duckworth, Frances Woody, Nina Rader, and Hazel Perkins.

The family will receive friends Monday, February 13, 2023 from 12:30 to 2:00 p.m. at

THE FAMILY WILL RECEIVE FRIENDS MONDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2025 FROM 12.00 TO 2.00 P.M. AT Bethel Baptist Church. The funeral will be held at 2 p.m. at the church with Rev. Kevin Sizemore, Rev. David Stikeleather, and Rev. J.R. Robbins officiating. Burial will follow in the church cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to Bethel Baptist Church, 3861 Pax Hill Road, Morganton, NC 28655 or The Gideons International Processing Center, P.O. Box 97251, Washington, DC 20090-7251.

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

Tribute Wall

Dennis, Teresa (and family), I am so sorry to learn of the passing of your mother. She was such a beautiful lady and soul. Lavern is rejoicing in heaven for sure!
Much love, Norma Brittain

–Norma Brittain

My heartfelt sympathy to all the family. Gloria was such a beautiful Christian example of God's love. She was always so kind and sweet to me. Prayers of comfort and peace. May happy, joyful memories surround you in the days ahead.
Love, Melina Woods

–Melina Woods

I am so sorry to hear of Gloria's passing. She was so beautiful and sweet, such a pleasure to know. You have my deepest sympathy May God Bless You and your beautiful family.
Love, Mavis Leonard

–Mavis Leonard



Gloria was a wonderful testimony of God's Grace and strength. Well done, good and faithful servant!

–David Stikeleather



–Frances Robinson

You/family are in my thoughts and prayers! A beautiful Christian lady, a life well lived! God has taken her to husband to join her loving husband! Grief is so hard but your faith and trust in our Heavenly Father will guide you thru this difficult time and will fill the void in y our life. I know you someday will join your parents! Love and Prayers! Sharon Piercy Cain

–Sharon Piercy Cain



Prayers and love to the family. I grew up knowing Gloria since childhood. Then I had the honor to work with her at VR. Bless you my friend and I look forward to seeing you at that great reunion in heaven.

–Connie Barnette



–Margaret Marriott

Dennis and Teresa, Gloria was a beautiful lady and had a love for her God first and then her family. You both were raised by wonderful Godly parents who are now, together again. We are so glad that we were given the blessing of knowing her. Heaven gained a very precious soul. Love you both.

–Roger and Michelle McCoy



So so sorry for your loss. Prayers for all

–Wanda & Donald Creswell

Gloria and I worked together with the Cub Scouts of Chesterfield Community 46+ years ago. She stood out as being a leader and involved in every aspect of our activities. She was very dedicated and cared greatly about the youth in our community. I've always had a great deal of admiration and respect for Gloria.

–coffey, james

–Suzanne Smith



Dennis, Teresa, and grandchildren , Our deepest sympathy for your loss. Gloria will be missed in the Pax Hill community. She was dedicated to Bethel and was always there when your dad was. So many memories of both of them. May you find joy knowing she is no longer sick and she's completely healed, in the arms of Jesus, and now reunited with LaVern. Dionne and Kathleen Curtis

–Kathleen and Dionne Curtis



I am so sorry for your loss. Some of my earliest memories are of Sunday school and VBS and the crafts Gloria taught us. The last time I spoke with her we talked about those good Ole days. My thoughts and prayers are with y'all.

–Teresa Dyson

Tereca so sorry for your lost, Leona and I will have you in our prayers

–Wayne Suttle

My sincere sympathy to all the family. Gloria was a joy to know and praying that all memories though out the years will be of comfort in the coming days.

–Reba Reece

So sorry for your loss. Please accept my sincere condolences.

–Bruce Carpenter