



Jane Feimster
Rakestraw

June 30, 1934 - Aug. 23, 2023

Jane Feimster Rakestraw, 89, of Morganton, NC, passed away Wednesday, August 23, 2023. She is now free of pain and rejoicing in the presence of the Lord.

Born in Alexander County, NC on June 30, 1934, she is the daughter of the late Ernest Davidson Feimster and Margaret Etta Gentle Feimster.

Jane was a member of Gateway Bible Church. Along with her husband, Jane owned and operated Penny Patch Produce since 1983. She was a volunteer with Burke Hospice and a die-hard UNC Tar Heel fan. She loved working in her yard, and if she wasn't, she was eating a Hershey bar. Jane was an excellent cook.

A loving and devoted wife, mother, and grandmother, she is survived by her children, Vicki Rakestraw Walker, Rebecca Parker (David), David Rakestraw (Teresa), and Chris Rakestraw (Lori Carswell); grandchildren, Ashley Rakestraw, Jessica Davis, Lindsey Parker, Tyler Parker, Ginger Shaw, Branden Rakestraw; Madi Carswell; Christon Carswell; numerous great-grandchildren; and many beloved nieces and nephews.

In addition to her parents, Jane was preceded in death by her husband, Julius "Chris" Rakestraw; and 14 older brothers and sisters.

The family will receive friends from 2 to 3 p.m., Sunday, August 27, 2023 at Mt. Calvary Baptist Church, 704 Praley Street, Valdese, NC 28690. A celebration of Jane's life will be held at 3 p.m. in the church with Rev. Stephen Collins officiating.

Memorial contributions may be made to Carolina Caring Hospice, 3975 Robinson Road, Newton, NC 28658.

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

Tribute Wall

–Cathy Rakestraw

Heartfelt sympathy, love and prayers to all of you as you grieve the loss of your mother/grandmother/aunt. I have many fond memories of your mother's Feimster family. I am Aunt Ruth Feimster Adams' granddaughter. Love, Sallie Ruth

–Sallie R Adams

Brother David I am sorry to hear of your Mothers passing, she can now join your Father.

–Larry Whisnant

Chris and David I am so sorry for your loss. I remember your mom from back when she worked at the Penny Patch. You are in my thoughts and prayers. Judy Peyronel

–Judy Peyronel

Dear Family, We are so sorry for the loss of your Mom. We did not know your Dad had passed away. Bless you during these days. Praying God will be with you and comfort you. Love and prayers Joe Ward Family (Libby and Dawn)

–Libby Ward Arney

We grieve but at the same time rejoice, as we know that your mother is seeing Jesus and being free of pain for the first time in a long while. I am praying that God will make that thought so real to you all now, that you can feel His arms around you. Elaine Lindsey

–Elaine Lindsey

So sorry for your loss sending prayers for the Rakestraw family I have known them for years the sweetest of family I've ever known may you find comfort in knowing your loved one is resting in the arms of Jesus!!! Sincerely Kimberly and Tommy!!!

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David, Chris, and family, We are so sorry for your mom. It was a pleasure to get to know her over the years. Our prayers are with you all for peace and comfort!

–Glenda s Truax /Dane



So sorry for your loss. Thoughts and prayers for the family.

–Grover Lawrence & Susan Barrier

Vicki, Rebecca, David & Chris (and all the 'Grands'): I am sorry for your loss. Jane was a 'classy' lady, always groomed to the T! A beautiful neighbor, who will be missed. With love and sympathy, Guinn Huffman

–Guinn Huffman



Our prayers and thoughts are with for peace and comfort during this sad time. We love all of you.

–Benny & Barbara Childers

I have fond memories of going to the Penny Patch back in the day when Chris Sr. and Jane were both there, often on Saturday afternoon with a UNC Tarheels game on. She was a kind and loving person, and her life made an impact not only on her loving family, but this whole community. She will be sorely missed.

–Susan J Propst



We are sorry for your loss. Prayers for the family.

–David Webb and Rachel Morgan