



*Katherine Pearl
McNeely Baird*

Jan. 22, 1933 - Sept. 26, 2020

Katherine Pearl McNeely Baird, 87, of Morganton passed away Saturday, September 26, 2020. Born in Wake County, NC on January 22, 1933, she was the daughter of the late Lester Howard McNeely and Mamie Hollar McNeely. Katherine was a member of Christ United Methodist Church. She served local churches as choir director and enjoyed singing and playing the piano. Mrs. Baird taught music at Rutherford College and Drexel Elementary Schools where she shared her love for music with her students.

Katherine is survived by her children, Brian Baird (Connie Copeland), Laura Justice (Tim Rhoney), and Lee Ann Singleton (Neal); grandchildren, Amber Justice (Alex), Drew Anderson (Alya), Mandy Silvers (Jamie), Matthew Baird (Danielle), Tanner Anderson, and Colton Singleton; great-grandchildren, Bennett, Liam, and Truett; and sister, Dorothy Elliott.

In addition to her parents, Katherine was preceded in death by her husband, Joe Dean Baird; brothers, Harold and Irwin McNeely; and sister, Evelyn McNeely.

A drive-thru visitation will be held from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Saturday, October 3, 2020 at Christ United Methodist Church. An outdoor service will follow at the church with Rev. Cindy Wechter and Dr. Matt Brown officiating. Entombment will follow in

Burke Memorial Park Mausoleum.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Christ United Methodist Church or Burke Hospice and Palliative Care.

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

Tribute Wall

No tributes added yet.