



Mary Sue Early
Benfield

June 20, 1946 - June 2, 2024

Mrs. Mary Sue Early Benfield, of Morganton, NC died peacefully at home Sunday June 2, 2024, surrounded by her loved ones. Born on June 20, 1946, she was the daughter to the late Robert and Pearl Early.

She loved to shop, listen to music, and spend time with her family.

In addition to her parents, Mary is preceded in death by her sister, Clara (Did) Benfield.

Left to cherish her memory are her husband, Lenior Edward Benfield, Sr.; sons, Chris Bartlett (Jodie); Lenior Benfield, Jr. (Amanda); sisters, Mabel Shook, Marjorie Bivens; grandchildren, Thomas Bartlett (Kaitlyn), Karleigh Bartlett; and numerous nieces and nephews.

The family will receive friends from 11am until noon, Wednesday, June 5, 2024 at Mulls Grove Baptist Church. A funeral will be held in the sanctuary at noon with Rev. Dean McCurry officiating. Burial will follow in the church cemetery.

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

Tribute Wall

So sorry for your loss. All of you are in our thoughts and prayers.

–Wendy and Wanda Saulman



We are so sorry for your loss and are praying for God to give you the strength, peace and comfort that you need in the coming days. Bruce and Rama Jean Franklin

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Dear Family, You all are in my thoughts and prayers. May God wrap His arms around each of you and carry you through the days ago. Know that even in the darkest and lonely times He is there with you.

–Wanda Berry



So sorry for your loss, sue was so sweet, caring and young at heart. Worked with her at Grace Hospital years ago. Condolences to all the family

–Tammy Benfield

Gary and I are so very sorry for your loss! Just know that we are lifting you all up in prayer during this very hard time.

–Gary and Jamie Cline