



*Mildred "Sissy"*  
*"Millie" Rose LaFever*  
*Richard*

**Feb. 22, 1926 - June 25, 2024**

On this day, June 25, 2024, Mildred "Sissy" "Millie" Rose LaFever Richard, went home to be with her Lord and Savior. She will be truly missed by all.

Mildred was preceded in death by her beloved husband, Dee Richard; parents, Virgil and Iris LaFever; brothers, Simp and C.V.

She was very proud of and loved her family dearly. She is survived by numerous godchildren and cousins whom she adored.

In young adulthood, she was employed at the Local Holiday Laundry where she met her husband. She then went into textiles at Shadowline, became a librarian at Glen Alpine School and her final career was at Henredon Furniture, where she retired after 45 years. She loved her Henredon friends where they remained lifelong friends. She and her husband maintained a Dairy Farm for most of their lives. They also owned and ran a local grocery store. Mildred's hobbies included being very enthusiastic about flowers, vegetables, and fruit gardening, where she loved to can, especially homemade soups. She was a caretaker of wildlife, an avid reader and puzzle worker.

homemade soups. She was a caretaker of wildlife, an avid reader and puzzle worker, loved her dogs as own children; crafty with needlework, paintings, and creating Christmas decorations. She was an active volunteer at Hospice and CoMMA.

Mildred was a faithful and active member with her church, St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Lake James. She served as Senior Warden, Junior Warden and Treasurer for most of her adult life. She was active with ECW which she chaired for many years. Gave herself to charitable activities.

Our love to you Sissy, you will be missed.

The family will receive friends from 7:00pm until 8:30pm, Friday, June 28, 2024 at Sossoman Funeral Home. A funeral service will be held at noon, Saturday, June 29, 2024 at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Lake James, 1865 N. Powerhouse Rd, Morganton NC 28655. Burial will follow at Glen Alpine Cemetery.

Memorial donations made be made to St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Lake James.

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

# Tribute Wall

I have so many precious memories of Milrose. Anytime I was down, Milrose would lift me up. My heart breaks for her passing, but thankful you were in my lift for so many years. My fondest memory was at a Henredon Christmas Party. About 11:30 Milrose come through the room telling everyone goodbye, saying she was on her way to the dam. Before she got out the door one of her good friends stopped her to have their last dance for the night. Here Milrose come back dancing across the room to hit the dance floor as if she was just getting there to begin the party. She was truly the life of the parties anywhere she was. Love you Milrose & hope to see you again some day.

–Lynn Causby



–Kathy McNeilly



We love you Sissy and will miss you every day. I am so thankful for the wonderful times spent watching westerns and America's Got Talent on TV. Our loss but God's reward.

–Jerel M Hoffman

Almost missed your arrangements but Laura and Jamie Browning were on line talking it. Thank goodness did not miss saying goodbye to you. One of the closest friend from my days at Henredon. You will be missed but we now have a wonderful Angel in Heaven. Love you Debbie and Dennis Ninemire

–Deborah Ninemire



Precious beyond words! Such a sweet spirit.

–Rama Jean Franklin

I am so sorry for your loss. Mildred has been coming in the diner every Tuesday for years before she got sick.. she will be truly missed. Praying for your family

–Peggy Mckinney

God has picked another ROSE!!! My heart is saddened to hear of the passing of my dear friend of many many years. Mildred was a friend at first site! We met and became friends right away. Our interests in crocheting and other hobbies brought us together. I am sure she is dancing around heaven in the presence of her Lord and Savior. I will truly miss you Mildred. A true friend and mentor. My condolences to all Mildred's family.

–Belinda Vinson

To know you was to love you. Mildred, you were always welcoming and smiling. You were a positive and uplifting Christian lady. We will miss you. We rejoice in your victory in Jesus.

–Bobbie Baird Greene

Sending love and prayers to Mildred's family. She was such a special lady. I had the privilege of visiting with Mildred at many of the White Family Reunions. She and my Mamaw (Lily Mae (White) Greene) were good friends. Although we were not related, Mildred always felt like one of the family. I have no doubt she is resting with Jesus today. Bless you all, Liz Clarke

–Liz Clarke



You will be missed. Thanks for all the great memories

–Elizabeth Burnette

Beautiful lady. Always willing to help people at Henredon. My prayers are with the family.

–Susan P Ingram

Mildred and I had a beautiful friendship and I loved her so much! She would tell me and others that she didn't know why, but when we first met each other at St Paul's we immediately formed a lifelong friendship bond. She will be greatly missed by me and so many that loved her as well. I thank God for bringing her into my life.

–Linda Metzner

I worked with Milrose at Henredon where I fell in love with this sweet woman. She was an usher for my mother at Comma for many years. We haven't seen her in several years but never forgot her kindness and sweet ways. She will be missed by us all. Marisa and Mary Lowdermilk

–Marisa Lowdermilk



Going to miss her she was so special I hope there is  
homemade icecream every day, love you

—Joseph Scott