



*Shirley Lee Waters
Whitt*

March 26, 1943 - Aug. 30, 2023

Shirley Lee Waters Whitt, 80, passed away unexpectedly but peacefully in the arms of Jesus on Wednesday August 30, 2023, while surrounded by family.

Born in Rutherford County, NC on March 26, 1943, she was the daughter of the late Willie L Waters and Mary Parker Waters.

Shirley started her working career in the local textile industry and along with her husband, operated Morganton Mobile Home Supply for over 35 years.

She was devoted to her faith, family and enjoyed nature and being grandma to all her grandchildren. An excellent cook, she provided food to family, friends, and neighbors, comforting those in need with a home cooked meal and her positive attitude. She was deeply loved and will be greatly missed by her family and friends.

She is survived by her husband of 57 years, Claude "Ed" Whitt of the home; son, William Whitt of Drexel, NC; daughter, Barbara Elkins and husband, Robert, of Drexel, NC; granddaughters, Danielle Elkins (Ryan), Kelly Elkins (Cody), and Kyra Elkins all of Drexel, NC; grandson Travis Elkins and wife, Jennifer of Conover, NC; two great-granddaughters, Elizabeth Elkins and Mackenzie Hicks; great-grandson, Reed Hicks; two brothers, Hubert Waters of Hudson, NC and Ronnie Waters and wife, Faye, of Hudson, NC; sister, Jane Waters Guffey and husband, Robert, of Rutherfordton, NC.

Hudson, NC, sister, Jane Waters Gurey and husband, Robert, of Rutherfordton, NC, and numerous nieces and nephews.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by sisters, Molly and Polly Waters, and Ruth Biggerstaff.

The family will receive friends from 2 to 3 p.m., Sunday, September 3, 2023 at Sossoman Funeral Home. A celebration of Shirley's life will be held at 3 p.m. in the Colonial Chapel of the funeral home with Rev. Dr. Richard Auten officiating. Burial will follow in Burke Memorial Park.

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

Tribute Wall

Ed and family, we are so sorry for your loss. She is with Jesus now without pain'. She will be missed with that sweet smile' If you need us, please call. Love and prayers for all of you.Pat&Wayne

–Pat and Wayne Ramsey

Barbara and family I'm so sorry for your loss your mother was a nice and friendly person always remember her in your heart if there's anything you need please don't hesitate to reach out to me again sorry for your loss Dallas and family

–Dallas Reid



Timberwoods would like to express our deepest condolences during this time. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.

–Timberwoods Family Restaurant

Momma, I will cherish your memories and love you forever that will never change. You were not just my mom but you were my best friend. Someone who I loved and cared for deeply. I will never forget our endless conversations and all the wonderful memories we shared. And the way you loved your grandchildren and great grandchildren. And especially the love you showed dad, me and William. This is not goodbye, it's just till I see you again. I love you mom.

–Barbara Elkins (daughter)