



*Virginia "Sue" Payne  
Robinson-Whisnant*

**Dec. 21, 1934 - Oct. 29, 2020**

Virginia "Sue" Payne Robinson-Whisnant, 85, of Morganton, NC passed away Thursday, October 29, 2020. Born in Swain County, NC, she was the daughter of the late James Payne and Pearl Montieth Payne. Sue retired from Western Carolina Center (now J. Iverson Riddle Developmental Center) with 25 years of service. She then had a wonderful career for several years as a real estate broker. Sue was a good friend to many and always had a positive outlook on life. Her special friend, Nadine Sanders, will truly miss her.

Survivors include her husband, Joseph Whisnant, Sr. of the home; daughters, Kathy Robinson, Dawna Davidson, and Joni Pritchard, all of North Carolina and Lisa Vanassche of California; step-daughter, Regina Whisnant; step-granddaughter, Sara Maeve Whisnant; step-sons, Jason and Joseph Whisnant (Jody); seven grandchildren; thirteen great-grandchildren; two great-great-grandchildren; estranged brother, Roger Payne and family of Louisiana; sister-in law and her daughter, Margaret Payne and Alice Payne Clayton of Texas ; numerous nieces, nephews, and cousins; special cousin, Eulene Grey (Bob) of NC; special friends, Betty Abernathy (Bruce).

In addition to her parents, Sue was preceded in death by her first husband, Wallace Robinson; daughter, Sharon Robinson Edmondson; granddaughter, Pamela Hollifield; step-granddaughter, Caitlin Elizabeth Whisnant; brother, Dwight Payne; sister, Marlene

step granddaughter, Sarah Elizabeth Whitham, sister, Dwight Payne, sister, Marlene Payne Hurst; and a special life-long friend, Joyce Gibson Janofsky of Georgia.

The family would like to express their heartfelt gratitude to her caregiver for 9 years, Sandra; her most recent caregiver, Rene; and the staff of Salon Edge Salon

(especially Anthony Cates who did her hair, and Mike Smith, the salon owner) who treated her with kindness and respect for several years.

Sue will be available for viewing from 1 to 2:30 p.m., Monday, November 2, 2020 at Sossoman Funeral Home. A private cryptside service will be held at Burke Memorial Park Mausoleum with Rev. Dr. Eddy Bunton officiating.

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

# Tribute Wall

No tributes added yet.