



Judy Epley Mills

April 27, 1940 - Jan. 7, 2024

Judy Epley Mills, 83, of Morganton, NC, went home to be with the Lord on Sunday, January 7, 2024.

Born in Burke County, NC on April 27, 1940, she was the daughter of the late Albert S. Epley and Bessie Lee Reeps Epley.

Judy was a lifelong member of Mountain View #2 Baptist Church where she taught Sunday school for many years. She retired from the state of North Carolina, having served as a librarian at the Western Youth Institute. Judy enjoyed working in her garden, growing flowers, and especially spending time with her beloved family. She was a devoted wife, mother, and grandmother.

Judy is survived by her husband, Buddy Lee Mills; son, Jerry Mills (Diana); grandchildren, Stephanie Mills (Andrew Zaborowski), Andrew Mills (Alexis), and Catherine Mills Randolph (Matt); and numerous nieces, nephews, and extended family.

In addition to parents, Judy was preceded in death by three brothers, Albert, Tom, and Carroll Epley.

The graveside service will be held at 1:00 p.m., Thursday, January 11, 2024 at Mountain View #2 Baptist Church Cemetery with Pastor Larry Combs officiating.

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

Tribute Wall

Buddy, praying for you and the family during this most difficult season. I have many wonderful memories of Judy as a Sunday School teacher, friend and pen pal. The beautiful flowers she shared with me will come again this spring, bringing reminders of my beautiful friend and looking forward to seeing her again in heaven. Love, Lori Causby Matthews

—Lori Matthews



Buddy and Family, our prayers and thoughts are with you during this sad time. May God's peace and comfort surround you.

—Benny & Barbara Childers

I always remember Judy's smiling face and great disposition. I loved her as a Sunday school teacher. She is a great christian lady of my childhood. She will surely be missed.

—Pamela Shell Paxton

Buddy, You are in our thoughts and prayers. We will hold tight to our wonderful memories of visits and conversations with you and Judy until we meet her again. May our Lord comfort you in the coming days and we know that He will. Much Love and Prayers, Greg, Sharon and Seth Hughes

—Sharon Hughes

Love and peace to your family during this time of loss. Judy was a large part of my childhood spiritual mentoring. She forever holds a special place in my heart.

—Donna Halford Stroud