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Shirley (Ann Dayton

May 24, 1937 - June 16, 2019

Shirley Ann Dayton Peek, 82, of Morganton, NC, and originally from Spruce Pine, N.C., died peacefully Sunday, June 16, 2019 at the residence of her daughter.

Born in Spruce Pine, N.C. on May 24, 1937, she was the daughter of the late McCoy and Elizabeth Stamey. She was a homemaker and loving mother, grandmother and great grandmother. She loved her family very much and her greatest enjoyment was spending time with them. She was a member of Mt. Zion Methodist Church where she taught Sunday School, sang in the choir and always helped with Vacation Bible School, and for the last 12 years was a faithful member of Pleasant Ridge Baptist Church in Morganton.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband of 50 years, John Shular Dayton, and husband of 2 years, Gabe Peek; brothers, Lewis Stamey, Lindsey Stamey, Charles Stamey, and McArthur Stamey; sisters, Lucille Pittman, Dorothy Autry, Ruby Bently, Anis Thompson, Mary Stamey; and 5 infant siblings.

Surviving are: her sons, Jerry Dayton and wife Jackie of Myrtle Beach, SC and Johnny Dayton and wife Carol of Marion, NC; a daughter, Beth Burleson and husband David of Morganton; sisters, Barbara Ward of Spruce Pine, NC and Faye King of Kernersville, NC; 6 grandchildren, Jeremy (and wife Tammy) Dayton of Marion, Julie (and husband Kelvin) Phillips of Morganton, Jillian (and husband Adam) Maney of Morganton, Joy Dayton of Fort Mill, SC, Heather (and husband Ryan) Thorpe of Raleigh and Shannon (and husband Andrew) Wilkins of Raleigh; and 7 great grandchildren, Andrew and Josie Phillips of Morganton, Abby and Chaya Dayton of Marion, Greyson Maney of

Morganton and Charlotte and Hayden Thorpe of Raleigh, along with numerous nieces and nephews.

The family will receive friends Friday, June 21 from 6 to 8 p.m. at Sossoman Funeral Home in Morganton. The funeral will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday at Pleasant Ridge Baptist Church with Dr. Dewey Thomas and the Rev. Keith Burkhart officiating. A graveside service will follow at Mt. Zion Methodist Church Cemetery in Spruce Pine at 2 p.m.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that memorials may be made to Burke United Christian Ministries, 305 W Union St., Morganton, NC 28655.

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

Tribute Wall

No tributes added yet.