



Barbara Smith Baird

Aug. 31, 1935 - Nov. 2, 2019

Barbara Smith Baird, 84, of Morganton, NC, left this world to be in the presence of the Lord on Saturday, November 2, 2019. She was born in Burke County on Saturday, August 31, 1935 to the late Charles Raymond Smith and Virgie Lail Smith. Barbara was a charter member of Amherst Baptist Church where she was Sunday School teacher and sang in the choir. She worked at Drexel Furniture, Southern Devices and Grace Hospital and retired from Catawba County DSS.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by a grandson, Patrick Baird; brothers, Ellis, W.C. and Paul Smith; sister, Rebecca S. Newton.

Barbara is survived by her husband of 66 years, Clyde H. Baird; children, Denise Anthony of Morganton, Gregory Baird (Vickie) of Inman, SC, Christopher Baird (Vickie) of Morganton, and Tashia Fisher (Jerry) of Conover; grandchildren, Matthew Anthony, Sarah Bennett, Thomas Baird, Amanda Davenport, Zack Baird, Danielle Adams, and Anthony Fisher; eleven great-grandchildren and many nieces and nephews.

The family will receive friends from 12:30pm until 2:00pm, Saturday, November 9, 2019 at Sossoman Funeral Home and Crematory Center. The Homegoing Celebration

will be at 2:00pm in the Colonial Chapel of the funeral home with the Revs. Ernie Wilson and Jon McDivitt officiating. Burial will follow at Burke Memorial Park. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Burke Hospice and Palliative Care, 1721 Enon Rd, Valdese, NC 28690.

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

Tribute Wall

Saw her and Clyde's story "It started with a paddleball" in the May/June 3024 issue of Good Old Days magazine. What a lovely, sweet story of how they met and fell in love. May she rest in peace

—Dianne