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Bertha Reece Hersom

Oct. 12, 1916 - Oct. 27, 2006

Bertha Reece Hersom, 90, of College Pines Nursing Center, died Friday, October 27, 2006, at Valdese General Hospital following a period of declining health. Mrs. Hersom was born in Burke County, NC on October 12, 1916 and was a daughter of the late John and Annie Stamey Reece. She was a teacher and had taught at the School for the Deaf in Morganton and Spartanburg, SC. Mrs. Hersom also owned and operated a ceramics studio in Pennsylvania for a number of years before returning to Burke County. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband; Gifford P. Hersom and by a brother; James Edward Reece.

She is survived by a son and his wife, Randy and Linda Hersom, of Morganton:, daughters and their husbands, Lynn Hersom and James T Smith, of Newark, DE and Beverly Ann Hersom and Larry J. Tufts, Sr., of Philadelphia, PA, a sister; Elizabeth Carswell, of Drexel, NC; 6 Grandchildren and 1 great grandchild.

The funeral will be held at 2:00 p.m. Tuesday, October 31, 2006, in the Colonial Chapel of Sossoman Funeral Home with the Rev. Dan Lyons officiating. Burial will follow at Drexel Memorial Park. The family will receive friends from 6:00 until 7:30 p.m. Monday at the funeral home. Memorial contributions may be made to the NC School for the Deaf Art Dept., 517 West Fleming Sr., Morganton, NC 28655.

Tribute Wall

Chris and I worked with Bert at Mountain Micro Systems for several years under the guidance of the owners, Paul and Betsy Rasmussen. Her droll quips and sense of humor kept us all on our tows, as she was competent and observant. Her son Randy was like her in positive traits, attitude, and attention to detail. After the work on the Habilitation Documentation program was completed, Chris became the Adult Services librarian at the public library, and I usually went there to do some research and writing; but one of my short stories had its genesis in that store. Our parties to celebrate various milestones were always jovial and varied. We miss her still.

–Chris and Lucille Hartmann