



*Bessie Ann Huffman
(Pritchard)*

July 19, 1942 - Nov. 23, 2025

Bessie Ann Huffman (Pritchard), 83, of Morganton, NC went home to be with her Lord and Savior on Sunday, November 23, 2025. Born in Burke County, NC on July 19, 1942, she was the daughter of the late Jessie and Lorrena Pritchard.

Bessie was a member of Sunnyside Baptist Church, and she expressed her love for the Lord every day. She was a friend to all and never met a stranger. Bessie was a loving grandma, aunt, sister and friend. She enjoyed gardening, reading, baking, attending bluegrass festivals, camping and fishing, but most of all she cherished time spent with her family and friends. Bessie was always the light of the room and everyone's ray of sunshine.

Those left to cherish her memory include her grandchildren, Ashley Carpenter (Ambrose), Athena Johnson (Jonathan), Adeline Steele and Allison Steele; daughter-in-law, Michelle Steele; great-grandchildren, Kayla Duckworth, Macie Duckworth, Andrew Duckworth and Zoe Johnson; niece, Diane Fruend (Mark) and their children Jessica (Matt) and Bryan Fruend; nephew, Henry Belada (Suzanne) and their children (Molly and Emily); nephew, Allen Hudson (Beth); sister-in-law Evelyn Hunt; and many other cherished nieces, nephews and family friends.

In addition to her parents, Bessie was preceded in death by her husband, Oliver

Huffman; son, Joel Carpenter; brothers, James, Jessie Jr., and Simon Pritchard; and sisters, Vernia, Sadie, Mary Louise, Ruby, Minnie, Katie Sue, Virgie, Irene, Margaret, and Emma Jean.

The family will receive friends from 6 to 8 p.m., Friday, November 28, 2025, at Sossoman Funeral Home. The funeral will be held at 2 p.m., Sunday, November 30, 2025, at Sunnyside Baptist Church with Rev. Clint Ewing officiating. Burial will follow at Burke Memorial Park.

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

Tribute Wall



Bessie will truly be missed. She could always put a smile on your face or make you laugh even if you were having a bad day. I'm sure there is a celebration going on in heaven with her family & friends that past before her. Till we meet again, love you, Bessie!

—Robin L Clements

Bessie was such a great lady ,always smiling and and friendly. She was my first supervisor at WCC and I will always remember the great times we had working together. You will definitely be missed. Rest in his arms... Gary Harbison

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Bessie always had a smile on her face and loved everyone; she had a heart of gold. She will be greatly missed by all. Prayers for each of you.

—Pat Simpson



—Amy L. Bodine



Family I am sorry for your loss. Bessie was one of Gods best creations. Prayers for you all.

–Kathy Bailey

Athena and family. I am so sorry to hear of the loss of your loved one. Condolences and prayers for you and your family!

–Shirley Dale

You will always be a shining light in my heart and memories. From the first day that Jessica introduced me to you, you stole my heart. I will always love and miss you very much aunt Bessie. But it soothes me soul knowing that you are no longer in pain but you are in heaven bringing light and joy to everybody up there. I love and miss you already.

–Matt OQuinn

Bessie, I am going to miss you so much my dear friend. You certainly were my ray of sunshine..I know we will meet again one day...My heart goes out to her family each and everyone . You all are in our hearts and prayers...Love You Sweet Lady

–Judy Dale