



Betty Tilley Church

April 6, 1943 - Dec. 27, 2025

Betty Tilley Church, 82, of Morganton, NC, joined her husband in eternity on Saturday, December 27, 2025.

Born in Caldwell County, NC on April 6, 1943, she was the daughter of the late Effie Mae Tilley.

Betty was a loving mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother. She was a compassionate woman and was always willing to extend a hand. She was an outgoing person and never met a stranger. Betty worked in manufacturing in Valdese for over 50 years.

Those left to cherish her memory include her son, Kenneth Lee Church (Patti); daughter, Deborah Johnston (Joe); granddaughter, Anna Marie Faso (Anthony); great-grandchildren, Arlo and Aspen; sister, Shirley Robbins; and numerous nieces and nephews.

In addition to her mother, Betty was preceded in death by her husband, Jay Paul Church; and two brothers, Bill and Sam Tilley.

The graveside service will be held at 11 a.m., Friday, January 2, 2026 at Burke Memorial Park.

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

Tribute Wall



I knew Ms. Betty through The News Herald she was such a sweet lady, always had a smile on her face and a kind word. She will be greatly missed. Kay Deal

—Kay Deal



My sincerest sympathy for the loss of your Mother. Aunt Betty was a pure kind soul who endured many trials over the years and came through them with a strength no one else has ever shown me. She will be in our hearts. Love and Prayers from Lisa Tilley.

—Lisa Tilley Burgess

I had the pleasure of knowing Betty growing up and being neighbors my whole life. She was a great friend and neighbor. Sorry for your loss.

—Josh Helms



We had known Betty for a few years, we went to Calvary Church with Betty. We loved Betty, so sorry to hear of her passing. She was a sweet lady, she will be missed.

—Al and Shirley McGinnis

My condolences. We not only lost a wonderful neighbor but
a great friend. Fly high sweet lady.

—Wayne Barrier

