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Brenda Keaton Crane

Oct. 19, 1946 - Aug. 8, 2026

Brenda Keaton Crane, 79, of Morganton, NC, passed away Saturday, August 8, 2026.

Born in Burke County, NC on October 19, 1946, she was the daughter of the late Carl Alex Keaton and Elsie Bandy Keaton.

Brenda was a member of Pleasant Grove Baptist Church. She loved her family and the time she got to spend with them. Brenda also enjoyed reading, cooking excellent meals, and thrifting to always find the best deals. She was kind to everyone she met.

Those left to cherish her memory include her husband of 61 years, Bill Crane; children, Kimberly Smith (Scotty) and Ray Crane (Sherry); grandchildren, Maria Seitz, Tory Smith, Kayla Tallent, Ashley Chapman, and Keleigh Smith; nine great-grandchildren; sisters-in-law, Virginia Keaton and Tammy Keaton; and numerous extended family.

The family will receive friends from 2 to 3 p.m., Wednesday, August 12, 2026 at Pleasant Grove Baptist Church. The funeral will be held at 3 p.m. in the church with Rev. Douglas Price officiating. Burial will follow in the church cemetery.

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

Tribute Wall

I am very saddened to learn of her passing. She worked at my son’s daycare, and I remember all the kids calling her mawmaw. She was such a sweet soul, and she will be greatly missed!

—Halee Powell

I am so sorry to hear of Brenda's passing. She was a very nice person and a very good friend. I worked with her at Western Steer and Burke County Schools. She will be missed. Y ou're in my prayers.

—James johnson

—Torie Thomas

So sorry for the loss of your mom Kim! Prayers for your family!

—Melissa Black

Brenda was a good , friendly sweet lady. My family loved her so much. Going to miss seeing and talking to her but she's in God's hands now with no more pain and suffering. We'll see her again one day . Praying for her precious family. Love ya.

—Linda Simmons

Brenda will be missed very much. She was a wonderful person and a wonderful wife and a wonderful grandmother. She was a great person to all and we will miss her a lot. Love to all family

—Charles and Linda Hoyle

—Winifred

She will greatly missed she was such a good woman I loved her to death when I worked with her at the alba.may god be with all the family.

—Barbara

Kim, so sorry for the loss of your mom! Praying for the days ahead! Love you!

—Clinton and Joan Reel

Brenda was with me after I lost my husband her brother Donald keaton she say he will always be with you. And tell me stories don growing up I will miss our talks and texts love you Brenda and pray for the family to have comfort

—Tammy keaton