



*Brenda Marie Powell
Reed*

Dec. 24, 1946 - Aug. 16, 2026

Brenda Marie Powell Reed, 79, of Morganton, NC, passed away peacefully at her home while surrounded by her family Sunday, August 16, 2026.

Born in Burke County, NC on December 24, 1946, she was the daughter of the late Sterling Avery Powell and Ellen Irene Jarrett Powell.

Brenda was a member of Table Rock Seventh-day Adventist Church. She was a loving wife, mother, grandmother, sister, and friend. Brenda took pride in driving a school bus for Mtn. View Elementary for 23 years, and she loved the children on her bus. She was kind, generous, and a hard worker, and she always found a way to provide for her family.

Those left to cherish her memory include her husband, Gary Reed, Sr.; daughters, Denise Roper and Ethel Doreen Tomasi (Vince); son, Sam Roper; step-children, Gary Reed, Jr. and Spring Judd (Jerry); grandchildren, Brandon Jones (Jennifer), Travis Tomasi, Chasity Roper, and Samantha Roper (Kevin); five great-grandchildren; sister, Camille Hall; and dear friends, Faye Acuff and Howard Bumgarner.

In addition to her parents, Brenda was preceded in death by two sons, Dallas "Pete" Lincoln Roper and Jerry Lynn Roper; sisters, Frieda Powell Buchanan and Frances Ellen Powell Schultz; and special grandparents known to Brenda as Mama Flossie

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Services for Brenda will be private.

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

Tribute Wall

No tributes added yet.