



Ella Osborn Reece

Sept. 2, 1934 - Sept. 21, 2024

Ella Osborn Reece, 90, of Valdese, NC, died Saturday, September 21, 2024 at her residence following a period of declining health.

Born on September 2, 1934 in Roy, New Mexico, she was the daughter of the late Emmanuel Abraham Osborn and Mattie Belle Fry Osborn.

Ella was an active member of Morganton First Church of God and retired from the Burke County public school system. She volunteered at Amorem Hospice, CoMMA, the gift shops at both hospitals in Burke County, and AARP. She loved to travel, which included all 50 states and many countries abroad.

Mrs. Reece is survived by her daughters, Kim Reece (Robbie), Karen Sasser (Ronnie), and Debra Gibby Reece; grandchildren, Jeramie Abernathy, Daphne Mozeley, Dustyn Reece, Jara Seagle, Landon Reece, Logan Reece, Quinn Reece, Ronnie Sasser, Ryan Sasser, and Chelsea Sasser; twenty-four great-grandchildren; brothers, Dutch and John Osborn; sisters, Martha Summar, Carolyn Waldron, and Clara Nelson; and numerous nieces and nephews.

In addition to her parents, Ella was preceded in death by her husband, Maynard Memory Reece; sons, Farrell Kelly Reece and Maynard Karl Reece; sister, Helen Whitlock; and brothers, Lloyd Eldridge, and Niesle Osborn.

WHITLOCK, and BROTHERS, LLOYD, LINDA, and NESTLE OSBORN.

The family will receive friends from 1 to 2 p.m., Tuesday, September 24, 2024 at Morganton First Church of God. The funeral will be held at 2 p.m. in the church with Pastor John Henderson officiating. Entombment will follow in Burke Memorial Park Mausoleum.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Amorem Hospice (amoremsupport.org/donate).

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

Tribute Wall

Ms. Reece was a beautiful lady who always had a smile to greet me whether I encountered her at the COMMA or The Valdese Gift Shop. I'm sorry for your loss and pray the Lord comforts you in the days ahead.

—Angela Burns

Ella was such a sweet lady! It was a joy just to be around her. Praying for you all in this time of grief.

—Donna Mecimore

We are very saddened to hear of the passing of Mrs. Reece, our thoughts and prayers are with the Reece family. Howard & Priscilla Stirewalt Hildebran, NC

—Howard & Priscilla Stirewalt

Jara, So sorry to hear of your grandmother's passing. I just know she was a great lady - just like you! My love and prayers are with you.

—Heather Edwards

What a wonderful and life well lived. I still remember the excitement of completing the 50 state bucket list. Kim, know you and the family are in our prayers.

—Carroll Hoyle

So sorry to hear of Ella's passing. She was a great mother and i'm sure said thousands of prayers for Kelly and myself as we were growing up. Peace and comfort to all the family.

—Brian Baird

I loved Ella. She was a strong and sweet lady. May all the wonderful memories of her be of great comfort to her family.

—Leonard A Brendel



Kim, so sorry to hear about your mom! She was such a dear! I remember her at the beauty salon each week when I took my mom to get her hair done. Prayers are with you and your family! ~ Roxie Benton Ellis

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Kim, Praying for you and your family.

—John Herron



So so sorry for your great loss. She is walking with the Lord. She was a great woman of God. Great mom Grandma sister aunt everything. Prayers for your family love you all

—Lydia, Robert and family Osborn



Blessings and prayers for you all.

—Debra Womack McNeill



Our thoughts and prayers are with Kim and the family.

—Hazel Bryant

Aunt Ella was an amazing woman! She will be missed but forever in our hearts & memories. Kim & Karen my heartfelt condolences. Knowing she is now reunited with her loved ones & what a welcoming she had. My favorite memory was when I brought Kelly out to Tok, Alaska & surprised her for her birthday! First time Aunt Ella was speechless! Take care & may you find comfort. Love you all....

—Darlene Summar

Kim, I'm so sorry for the loss of your mother. Ella was such a sweet lady and always happy. I'll keep you and your family in my thoughts and prayers. I love you girl.

—Sheree Parrish Queen

My sympathy to the family. I remember her as a very nice lady with her volunteer jacket years ago.

—Reba Reece



My Aunt Ella was a funny lady always had a smile on her face. Could make you laugh. Rest in peace Aunt Ella you left a lifetime of memories for everyone that knew you.

—Debra James