



Emma Hurley Martin

Nov. 16, 1928 - May 1, 2025

Emma Hurley Martin, 96, of Granite Falls, passed away, Thursday, May 1, 2025. Born on November 16, 1928, to Arden and Vera Hurley. Emma spent most of her life in Morganton where she worked twenty years at Skyland Textile and twenty years at Broughton Hospital from which she retired as an LPN in 1988.

Those left to cherish her memory include son, James Lee Martin, Jr. of Hickory, daughter, Helen Johnson (Ralph) of Newland; grandsons, Thad Johnson (Laura), Cale Johnson (Joanna), Clint Johnson (Katie), Ellis Martin (Olivia), Andrew Martin (Ali); great-grandsons, Reid Johnson, Hank Johnson, Webb Johnson, Slade Martin, Finn Martin; sister, Clara Tomlison, of Morganton, NC and numerous nieces and nephews.

In addition to her parents, Emma was preceded in death by her husband of 61 years, James Lee Martin; sisters, Juanita Wooten and Elizabeth Melton.

The family wishes to thank the staff at Grace Village Assisted Living in Granite Falls, NC and Trinity Ridge Skilled Nursing in Hickory for the professional and compassionate care they provided for mom.

The family will receive friends from 2pm until 3pm, Wednesday, May 7, 2025 at Sossoman Funeral Home. The funeral will be held in the Colonial Chapel of the funeral home at 3pm. Burial will follow at Mount Home Baptist Church.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorial contributions be made to Mount Home Baptist Church, 2272 Mt. Home Church Road, Morganton, NC 28655.

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

Visitation

May 7, 2025

2 p.m. - 3 p.m.

Sossoman Funeral Home and Crematory Center

Service

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3 p.m.

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Tribute Wall

Emma was such a sweet soul. She sat at the same table as my dad at Grace Village during meals. She was polite saying thank you to my sister for bringing her marmalade or molasses. She always greeted me in the hall when I would visit Dad with a smile and kind words. Prayers for your family. Emma was special.

—Mary Puett