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Gladys Lingafelt Chapman

March 2, 1929 - April 22, 2023

Gladys Lingafelt Chapman, 94, of Morganton entered eternal rest to be with the Lord on Saturday, April 22, 2023.

Born in Burke County, NC on March 2, 1929, she was the daughter of the late Thomas Oscar Lingafelt and Ruth Chester Lingafelt Curtis.

She married her husband of 43 years, the late James Cox Chapman, on October 9, 1948. Gladys lived all but six months of her life in Burke County. The exception was when the family moved to Fort Thompson, SD and lived on the Crow Creek Indian Reservation. During this time Gladys' husband found employment building a dam on the Missouri River. The time there was filled with meeting new friends from all over the United States, hot, dry winds, searching for agates on the banks of the Missouri River, and a few tornado scares. It was a time of adventure for the entire family and the highlights included vacationing in the Black Hills and visiting Mt. Rushmore and the Badlands.

Gladys also enjoyed visiting Alaska for 2+ weeks to attend the wedding of her great-niece. She took day trips to glaciers and saw many wild animals. She also toured her

niece. She took day trips to glaciers and saw many wild animals. She also toured her brother's place of work, the BP Oil Refinery in Prudhoe Bay, inside the Arctic Circle.

Gladys was a loving, giving, and caring person and family was very important to her. She was always available with a compassionate, listening ear and a supporting heart to many. She was an excellent cook and well known for her famous pound cakes.

Gladys was also an avid reader and a competitive rummy player with her immediate family. She also enjoyed sewing and gardening. Mrs. Chapman was a member of Gibbs Chapel Wesleyan Church and retired heavily on her faith to sustain her through difficult times. Gladys worked in textiles for many years.

Mrs. Chapman is survived by her children, David Chapman, Jeffrey Chapman (Joy), and Beverly Chapman; grandchildren, Raina Brim, Amelia Smith, Lauren Beane, Christy Truitt, T.J. Knaga, Kimberly Mosley, Amber Peterson, and Audrey Thomas; great-grandchildren, Isabella, Riley, Trey, Camille, Andersen, Lila, Bryleigh, Micah, Amelia, Ben, Anna, Jack, Lucy, Magdalene, Braylon, William, and Riggs; sisters, Ruby Wood and Pat Huntley (Larry); brothers, Ralph, Bob, Clyde, Ray, and Charles Curtis; daughters-in-law, Sue Chapman and Kathy Shook; and numerous nieces and nephews.

In addition to her parents and husband, Gladys was preceded in death by her infant daughter, Shelia Diane Chapman; brothers, Rev. Darwin Lingafelt, Thomas Lingafelt, Buford "Buck" Curtis, Dean Curtis, Carl, Luther, Cloyd, Lloyd, Howard, and Rev. Earnest Curtis; sisters, Mae Ferguson, Rowena Purell, and Ruth Carswell; and sister-in-law, Betty Lingafelt.

The family will receive friends from 5 to 7 p.m., Friday, April 28, 2023 at Sossoman Funeral Home. The funeral will be held at 11 a.m., Saturday, April 29, 2023 in the Colonial Chapel of the funeral home with Rev. Cris Uren officiating. Burial will follow in Forest Hill Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Amorem Hospice or Gibbs Chapel Wesleyan Church.

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

Tribute Wall



My aunt gladdys was an amazing woman. I went to alaska with her to my cousin katins wedding in which i sang in. I remember her smile. She always smiled and gave the best hugs. I will see her again when i close my eyes for the last time.

–Jonathan wilson

Gladys was such a wonderful, caring person who always had a smile and such a countenance of love that streamed from her spirit. She was so genuine. I will always remember her. God comfort all her family.

–Sharon Woodward

So sorry to hear this news. Remember Gladys well. She always had a big smile for everyone. I know she will be missed. Prayers for the family!!

–Linda Johnston Warren



Mrs Gladys was a precious soul ..she always showed her love of our Lord and Savior .. her sear at church is empty and her smiling face but she is right there with us .. love you Gladys you were always such an inspiration to me and my family .. RIP sweet one and I will see you again on the shores of Heaven …

—JoannRiddle

Gladys was an inspiration to me She lived such a rich life.

—Darlene Peterson

I am so saddened by this loss to our family of Lingafelts, etc. We have lost a precious member. My heart is with you, Beverly, David, and Jeff. Love, Jackie Lingerfelt Ward

—Jacquelyn Ward

Gladys will be missed by many. I have fond memories of her and talking with her every Sunday. Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you. Have peace in knowing she’s in heaven with her savior and no more pain.

—Douglas Duckworth