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Gladys "Sissie" Coffey

Dec. 8, 1931 - March 25, 2023

Gladys "Sissie" Coffey, 91, of Morganton, NC, went home to be with the Lord on Saturday, March 25, 2023.

Born in Burke County, NC on December 8, 1931, she was the daughter of the late Claywell Burns and Betsy Hallyburton Burns.

Sissie was a lifetime member of Antioch Baptist Church where she sang in the choir. She loved her family and her church family. Sissie devoted much of her time to caring for children for her family, church family, and friends and neighbors. She also enjoyed taking care of her yard, flowers, and garden.

Mrs. Coffey is survived by her daughters, Rhonda Fulbright and Susie Edwards (John); grandchildren, Leslie Kiser (Heath), Michael Fulbright (Souriphanh), Amanda Edwards (Craig Hanus), and Lynsey Hanson (Michael); great-grandchildren, Jaiden, Kaley, Ashtyn, Arya, Harrison, Stevie, Sadie, Jocelyn, and Gabrielle; and a number of nieces, nephews, and extended family.

In addition to her parents, Sissie was preceded in death by her husband, Harold "Toodie" Coffey; brothers, Willard, Vernon, and Joe Burns; sister, Cleo Crump; and son-in-law, Mike Fulbright.

The family will receive friends from 2 to 3 p.m., Tuesday, March 28, 2023 at Antioch Baptist Church. The funeral will be held at 3 p.m. in the church with Rev. Richard Baird officiating. Burial will follow in the church cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to Antioch Baptist Church, 2441 Antioch Road, Morganton, NC 28655 or to Carolina Caring, 3975 Robinson Road, Newton, NC 28658.

The family would like to express their appreciation to the angels at Carolina Caring for the compassion and care shown to Sissie.

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

Tribute Wall



Thinking of you!

–Eva Bugge Hansen

My Aunt Sissie was a beautiful lady. I often kidded with her for being “Miss Antioch”. She loved her flowers and mowing her yard. We were kindred spirits. Loved staying with her on my visits home. We’d shop, get our nails done and buy bags of candy to stash away. It’s hard to think of life without her and Uncle Toodie. Two extremely special people my entire life. Visited as often as I could and the first stop when getting to Morganton. My heart is broken and at the same time rejoicing that she is home. That’s always been her destination. For now I’ll remember all the fun and precious times we enjoyed. Forever love you Uncle Toodie, Aunt Sissie, Rhonda, and Susie. And, don’t forget Jeanie and her birds.

–Jan Coffey Boone

My heart is not full of sadness. It is overflowing with joy, gratefulness and blessed assurance. The joy comes from loving memories, laughter shared, conversations that meant so much, seeing her flowers bloom and feeling pure love and goodness while in her presence. Knowing that she's in her heavenly home makes me smile, not cry. My gratitude is to God. I thank Him for the privilege of knowing, loving and being a part of her amazing life. And an enormous Thank You to the family. Not only for taking such great care of her, but

enormous Thank You to the family. Not only for taking such great care of her...but for being so loving, happy and genuine. You made her life brighter and brought endless smiles to her face. The Lord's grace, everlasting love and blessed assurance are manifested and bestowed upon us in many ways. Aunt Sissie was clearly a part of His wonderment. A pure soul, she is, that lived and walked with the Lord and glowed from His light. She was and always will be a spiritual reminder of the blessings given and the happiness found by trusting His power & glory and by His divine presence in others, that can illuminate the soul and make the spirit soar. To say Aunt Sissie will be missed is an understatement. But the sadness from her passing is subsided and the rejoicing of her meaningful, beautiful life, excels to the heavens. All my love and endless gratitude, Greta

–Greta Rosalie Hevel

Aunt Sissie was my mother's only sister. She was like a second mother to me and my brother Charlie. What we felt for her was pure love.

–Gloria C. Hevel

I enjoyed lots of good warm family conservation over the years with Aunt Sissy and Uncle Toodie. We shared family photos and I took videos of them around Christmas time. One of our favorite conversations was Uncle Toddies time he served in the US Navy and my time served in the US Air Force. That is called war stories and we let the good times roll! I always had Aunt Sissie give a complete tour of her beautiful flower gardens as she had that certain green thumb like no one else. Love you Aunt Sissie. Delanda Oxford

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Aunt Sissy was a timeless beauty inside and out. She and Uncle Toodie were very special to me and my family. I spent many weekends while on vacation with them...fond memories of fishing trips, early morning breakfasts, and long hugs. Enjoy your time with Uncle Toodie...give him a long hug for me.

—Mike MacVicar



We love you very much. The Hevels and Wolfes

—Rose Bowen

I’m sorry about your loss but sounds like Heaven gained an Angel. I haven’t posted anything per my moms wishes, but my daddy passed this past Wednesday. His last couple of weeks broke my heart. But at peace now. I understand your pain & loss. Although they r both n heaven, I know she was your world….you will miss her every second of every day. But we must go on. Love you Susie

—Rita Russ



It was such an honor to have known you Sissie! May you fly high and sing louder then ever in that heavenly choir. Much love always, my thoughts and prayers.

—Amber Branch



My Aunt Sissie was the rock in my life growing up. Heaven has gained a very special angel and there are many people in heaven that are celebrating her presence there. I will forever miss her but I know she is in a better place. I am hurting right now but i can live the rest of my life knowing that this special lady gave me so much love and pleasure. She will remain forever in my heart..

—Deanie korry

Sissy will be greatly missed. We went to church with her for many years. She Loved the Lord with all her heart . Will definitely miss her and her smile.



My deepest condolences and love. Prayers

–Josephine Miller



–Becky Miller