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hobby was, she replied, "Helping those and caring for those who need me." As told by a family friend, she was a dying breed. Hazel will be missed by many who knew and loved her.The funeral will be held at 10:00 a.m., Wednesday, July 27, 2011 at North Morganton United Methodist Church with Rev. Neill Shaw officiating. Burial will follow in Burke Memorial Park. The family will receive friends Tuesday evening from 6:00 until 8:00 p.m. at Sossoman Funeral Home and Crematory Center where the body will remain until placed in the church thirty minutes prior to the funeral hour. Memorial contributions may be made to North Morganton United Methodist Church, 990 Sanford Drive, Morganton, NC 28655 or to Burke Hospice and Palliative Care, Inc., 1721 Enon Road, Valdese, NC 28690.

Tribute Wall

No tributes added yet.