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Jeanette Garrison Kerley

Feb. 20, 1937 - Jan. 10, 2023

Jeanette Garrison Kerley, 85, of Morganton, NC transferred to the Church Triumphant on Tuesday, January 10, 2023. She was born on February 20, 1937 in Burke County to the late Roscoe Garrison and Faye Byrd Garrison. She was a member of the First United Methodist Church of Morganton since her childhood. She worked at Kelly Color and Burand's for many years. Jeanette was a sweet loving person and had a laugh that everyone will always remember.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Wayne A Kerley; son, Dr. Lee Wayne Kerley; brothers, Roscoe (Sonny) Garrison; sister, Julia Garrison Carr.

She is survived by a sister, Laura Garrison Gordon (Waits); nephews, Rob Carr and Todd Young; nieces, Jane Carr and Beth Powell; many great-nephews and great-nieces.

The family will receive friends from 1:00-2:00pm Monday, January 16, 2023 in the Fellowship hall of First United Methodist Church. The funeral will begin at 2:00pm in the church with Rev. Dana McKim officiating. Burial will follow at Forest Hill Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to First United Methodist Church of Morganton, NC.

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

Tribute Wall

She was our neighbor on Chestnut Street. We played " No Bears Out Tonight" and grew up in a different world. Stayed outside until dark, walked home from the movies at night, walked to the Burke Dairy for ice cream in the summertime. She was a lot of fun and I will miss her.

–Jackie Ward

Laura, so sad for the loss of your sister. Losing a sibling is losing one who shared so many memories and experiences of your life, and I think you feel the loss much more than others would expect you to. I always enjoyed chatting with Jeannette and missed her after her health became an issue. Dana's remarks at the funeral were right on target. And I think Jeanette would have loved Abbi's singing.

–Susan Houck

Laura, so sorry for your loss of Jeanette. I knew her before we were both married. She at the time worked at Eloise Shop, and we would meet for lunch downtown. Loved her, she always dressed well. Much sympathy!

–Jean and Ervin Simmons

I'm so sorry for your loss of your dear Jeanette. May your wonderful and fun memories help you through this rough time of grief. Y'all are in my thoughts and prayers. Much love, Brownie

—Browning Rochefort