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Jeanne Marie Trentman Burleson

Aug. 15, 1925 - March 2, 2023

Jeanne Marie Trentman Burleson, 97 of Morganton, NC passed away Thursday, March 2, 2023. Born on August 15, 1925, she was the daughter to the late William Harold and Marie Trentman. Jeanne lived in Charleston, WV, Charlotte, NC and Raleigh, NC. She graduated from Needham B. Broughton High School in 1943, then went on to Peace College and Meredith College. Jeanne was a faithful member of First United Methodist Church Morganton. She was an active member of many civic organizations such as, the Junior League in Raleigh and Charlotte, Service League in Morganton, United Methodist Women, Aldersgate Sunday School Class, and DAR.

Jeanne is survived by her children, Elizabeth “Betsy” Burleson Wescott (George), Charles Trentman “Trent” Burleson; grandchildren, Amy Elizabeth Walker (Bradley), Amanda Marie Wescott, Ana Zofia Burleson, Elizabeth May Burleson; great-grandchildren, Charles W. Walker, Mary Gillam Walker; sister, Betty Denne Trentman Zavertnik; and a number of beloved nieces, nephews, and extended family.

In addition to her parents, Jeanne is preceded in death by her husband of 69 years, Charles V. “Charlie” Burleson and daughter, Carol Jeanne Burleson.

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The family will receive friends from 11am until noon, Monday, March 13, 2023 in the fellowship hall of First United Methodist Church Morganton. A memorial service will follow in the sanctuary at noon with the Rev. Dana McKim officiating. Burial will follow at 3pm at Burke Memorial Park.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to First United Methodist Church Discretionary Fund or to an organization of one's choice.

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

Tribute Wall

I am so sorry for your family's loss. We loved taking care of Mrs. Burleson. Sending prayers of comfort to the family Rosemary and Ryann Gallegos

—Rosemary Gallegos

So sorry for your loss.Jean was a grande lady.

—Jim and Linda Belote

Jeanne and Charlie were precious friends who welcomed Brian and I when we moved to Morganton in 1996. Jeanne invited me to join her friends at Garden Club, Book Club, DAR, Woman's Society at First Methodist Church, Aldersgate Sunday School Class, numerous bridge clubs.. Jeanne was a true southern lady who served her community. She introducted me to volunteer service at the Soup Kitchen, where she greeted each person in line for lunch with a smile and supportive greeting. She truly gave her time, support and energy to her church and community. I will never forget her many kindnesses to us. God Bless her as she greets Charlie and Brian in heaven. We are all fortunate to have had her in our lives. Margaret Hester

—Margaret Hester



Jeanne, your light will shine on …spread your wings and be free from pain and hurt! What a celebration in heaven it must be with Charlie and all the great legacies. Always



loved by your family and friends. Never forgotten

—Jeanne Burleson

Thoughts of Jeanne have always brought a smile to my face. Today, even as the tears flow, the same is true because that is simply how she affected us all. My condolences to each member of the family. In your grief remember you have so much of which to be proud! Cherish that legacy and know her life lives on today on this earth through your embracing of her character and all you have learned from her. May God richly bless each of you as you continue the ongoing of a family tradititon well known for goodness.

—Philecta Clarke Staton

So sorry to hear this, she was such a sweet person. My prayers with the family, especially Betsy and George who moved in with Jean after Charlie died. And what a blessing her grandchild were for her.

—Lisa and Stan cutts

Betsy and Family, My deepest and most sincere condolences in the passing of this precious lady. She was a true lady. I am saddened for her last years of discomfort but rejoice that she has been reunited with her husband and daughter. You all will be in my heart, thoughts and prayers tonight and in the days ahead. With love and sincerity, Jill Rogers

—Jill Rogers

So sorry to hear this. She was such a beautiful soul. I always enjoyed seeing her at family events. I am pretty sure there's a big Burleson party with the in laws and outlaws attending having a grand old time.

—Adair Clarke