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Juanita Whisnant Long

May 5, 1932 - March 30, 2023

Juanita Whisnant Long, 90, of Morganton, NC went to be with her Lord on Thursday, March 30, 2023. She was born on May 5, 1932 in Burke County to the late Ambrose and Callie Hood Whisnant. Juanita was a member of First Baptist Church of Morganton and taught the Senior Adult Sunday School class. She was a longtime nurse at Grace Hospital, Valdese Hospital and Broughton Hospital, where she retired as the Director of Nursing. She was also the Director of the Nursing Program at Western Piedmont Community College. Juanita was a loving and devoted wife, mother, grandmother and great-grandmother.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, James (Norman) Long; and all her brothers and sisters.

Juanita is survived by her daughters, Debbie Miller (George), and Karen Long-Moore (Terry); sons, Mike Long (Alison) and Rick Long (Sheila); grandchildren, Stephanie Martens (Steve), Sarah Engle (Dustin), Chris Miller (Kim), Geoff Miller (Courtney) and Cameron Charping (Jonathan); great-grandchildren, Riley, Ryan, Jordan, Zelda, Emma, Wylder, Sam and Molly.

The family will receive friends from 3pm to 4pm on Saturday, April 8, 2023 in the Parlor of the First Baptist Church. A graveside service will begin at 4pm in the

Columbarium of the church with Dr. Thomas A. Bland, Jr. officiating.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the First Baptist Church of Morganton.

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

Tribute Wall

Neet was such an inspiration to us! We were so proud of her accomplishments. We loved when she and Norman would come for a visit! Please know that all of you are in our prayers. She left a wonderful legacy! What peace we have in knowing she's with the Lord! Iris and family

—Iris Fox and family

Neet was always so sweet. Mom loved her so much.

—Susan Raye (Jean's daughter)

I'm so sorry to hear of Juanita's passing. She and Norman were related to my first husband, Ted Mabe, Jr. They were always sweet and kind to us. My thoughts and prayers are with her family. Linda Snell

—Linda Mabe Snell

What a special loving, and kind lady . She became like a part of my family and I will miss her ! Love and prayers to the family . You are all in my thoughts and prayers.

—Debbie Patton

So very sad to hear of Juanita's passing. Our sympathy to the whole family. May our Lord Jesus be with you through this very sad time. In Christian love, Jim &

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—Jim and Sandy Hawn



My heart goes out to you Mike and all the family and friends who knew and loved your mother. Reading her story, condensed as it is, is very moving. She clearly gave her heart and soul to her community during her long and accomplished life. I'm sending hugs and love to you and Alison across the miles as you grieve this loss. May the sadness you feel now soon be replaced with the fondest of memories of a life so very well lived. God bless you.

—Elizabeth Richards

Our sympathy to Karen and the rest of the Family. Gary & Carolyn Bridges

—Gary Bridges

Dear Karen, I am sorry to hear of the loss of your mom. She must have been an outstanding lady and an accomplished professional as well as a wonderful mother. Sending condolences to you and all your family as you remember hr life and look forward to meeting her again. May you be comforted by many good memories and the hope Easter gives all believers. I still miss seeing you at CBS. Love, Camille Wheeler

—Camille Wheeler

May our Lord and Savior surround you with his love and strength. He never puts us through more than we can handle. I didn't have the privilege of knowing Juanita, but I know she was a wonderful Christian woman because of her amazing daughter Karen. She's no longer suffering. She is in the very presence of Jesus. May that give you all comfort and peace.

—Debbie Wray



I remember wonderful weekends when I was a little girl at Norman and Neets house.Wonderful memories.My deepest sympathies to the family.What a wonderful woman and many accomplishments in Neets life.I always wanted to be a nurse like her!What a legacy she leaves behind!Until we meet again..

—Cheryl Cabrera-Rodriquez