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Laura Bernice Pruett

Sept. 18, 1937 - Jan. 12, 2023

Laura Bernice Pruett, 85 of Morganton, NC passed away, Thursday, January 12, 2023. Born on September 18, 1937, she was the daughter of the late John and Minnie Duckworth. Laura was a member of Missionary Ridge Baptist Church and Grace Baptist Church. She was over the food service at WPCC and worked in the school system. Laura was a great cook, she loved working with her flowers and keeping up her garden. Laura loved her family dearly and thoroughly enjoyed retirement at the coast for 15 years with her husband. At the coast, they hosted family and friends, went fishing, gardening and tending to her flowers. Laura also loved traveling with her family and church family.

Laura is survived by her daughters, Donna Pruett Shirley (Phil) and Kathy Pruett Buff (Jeff); sister, Sara Buff (Frank); grandsons, Jake Wilson and Leighton Shirley; great-grandchild, Maisie Nova Wilson.

In addition to her parents, Laura is preceded in death by her husband, Lee Roy Pruett; son, Phillip Andrew Pruett; brother, Howard Duckworth.

The family will receive friends from 2pm until 3pm, Sunday, January 15, 2023 at Grace Baptist Church. The funeral will be held at 3pm in the church with the Rev. Marty Bess officiating. Burial will follow at Missionary Ridge Baptist Church.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Missionary Ridge Baptist Church Cemetery Fund or Grace Baptist Church Building Fund.

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

Tribute Wall

We are so sorry to learn about the death of your mother. “ Bea” was such a sweet, caring person. John especially remembers her wonderful cooking. When we visited your parents, Bea and I would walk through her flowers and talk about how our flowers were growing, weed problems, etc. John and Lee always talked about their gardens comparing their success with different vegetables! They were both very proud of their gardens each year! Your parents were both very special people and John and I loved them dearly. We will joyfully make a contribution to the Cemetery Fund at Missionary Ridge Baptist Church in memory of your parents.

–John and Linda Brackett

Sorry for your loss. Prayers for your family.

–John Hetton

Rest easy my friend.

–Kelly Powell

Laura was my sister in law, but I always felt like she was as close as a sister. She had the most kind and gentle spirit, you loved being around her. Always a smile and a pleasant word. My wife and I got to spend some time with her in October and it was such a blessing. She will be greatly missed but we rejoice that she is in her permanent home with loved ones and our Lord Jesus.

–Mark Pruett

Dear Bea was a great friend. She and her husband were cherished members of our church back in Hubert NC. After they moved back to WNC, my wife and I enjoyed stopping by to visit them on our way to vacation in the mountains. They were ever ready to ply us with goodies from their incredible garden as we departed. With always a kind word seasoned with a bit of humor, Bea was a true gem who is now sore missed by us, her church family back east and I am certain her family and friends around Morganton. I am happy she is reunited with her dear husband Lee and resting comfortably in the arms of her Savior.

–Mark Dove

So sorry for the loss of another dear friend. You are now with dear Lee. Will miss knowing I Will see you here but will Continue to love you dearly. Hope we will meet again.

–Nell and Gerald Carpenter

She was such a wonderful lady. Her and my mom were great friends. I know she will be missed. I am so glad to think I will see her again in a Heaven.

–Phyllis Gray



Sure was sorry to hear this news. I enjoyed Lee and Bea so much during the years they lived here at the coast. I last saw her in Morganton after Lee passed away. Peace and comfort to her family. RIP Bea Gail

–Gail Powell (Dunn)



Miss you Ms. Bea. Too all of your family & friends thoughts & prayers are with you. R/I/P Beautiful Lady. You will truly be missed. Mrs. Lynn Eimer



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—Lynn Eimer

You all are in our thoughts and prayers.I (Linda) met her when I was in College pines as a patient and went to her room to wish her a happy birthday. She was such a sweet person. I am a good friend of Sara. Praying the Lord will comfort you all.. Linda and James Thompson

—James and Linda Thompson

Ms. Pruett was truly one of the most determined, intelligent, and loving people. She always talked about her family and how proud she was of them. If she put her mind to it, she was able to do anything. She will be missed and touched many, many lives. She is definitely in a better place.

—Brianna Bliss



Praying for all of Ms. Bea family. She was a godly lady inside. & out. Brenda & I will miss you. Love you my friend. Lynn

—Lynn Eimer

giving praise that you are United with my friend Leroy again y'all are a true blessing that will be missed but thankful for that hope we will meet again

—Gary Brown