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Laura G. Rhodes

Jan. 26, 1934 - May 19, 2026

Laura G. Rhodes, 92, of Morganton, NC, passed away Tuesday, May 19, 2026.

Born in Burke County, NC on January 26, 1934, she was the daughter of the late John Pinkney Galloway, Sr. and Addie Louise Saulman Galloway.

Laura was a lifelong member of Oak Hill United Methodist Church, where she sang in the choir, was a Sunday school teacher, and was a member of the United Methodist Women. She was also a member of the Morganon Jaycees. Laura was valedictorian of the 1952 graduating class of Oak Hill High School, which was the third graduating class of the school. She enjoyed cross-stitch, making handmade baskets, camping, and trips to the beach and mountains. She was an exceptional cook who loved her family, and her grandchildren were the apple of her eye. Laura worked at Skyland Textiles, Southern Great Lakes Carbon, and at Foothills Area Program.

Those left to cherish her memory include her children, Robert “Bobby” William Rhodes, Jr. (Carol Buchanan) and Susan Rhodes Propst; grandchildren, William D. Propst (Sami) and Adam Propst (Susan); great-grandchildren, Oliver, Keslee, Cole, and Kyle; numerous nieces, nephews, and extended family; and her fur-baby, Snickers.

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The family will receive friends from 10 to 11 a.m., Saturday, May 30, 2026 at Oak Hill United Methodist Church. The funeral will be held at 11 a.m. in the church with Rev. Adam Love and Rev. Owen Peeler officiating. Burial will follow in the church cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to Oak Hill United Methodist Church, 2239 NC 181, Morganton, NC 28655 (ohumc.com/donate) or to Amorem Hospice (amoremsupport.org/donate).

The family would like to give special thanks to the staff of Hickory Falls Rehab Center/Long Term Care Facility and Amorem Hospice for their love and care of Laura.

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

Tribute Wall

—Dean , Anita Searcy

Oh, how I will miss this lady! She was a lovely person with an even lovelier soprano voice. I sang with her in the Oak Hill choir for years. She could start a conversation so easily and I loved hearing her stories.

—Sharon Butler

In 1997, our family moved to Park Street and Bob and Laura were our neighbors. The neighborhood was filled with loving people that i would visit with at City Hall for many years after leaving Park Street. My thoughts and prayers are with your family during your loss of Laura. She & Bob were very special to us. She was a dear lady!

—Jackie & Stacey Cain



Susan and family, deepest sympathy for your loss. I was blessed to have your parents as my neighbors and to have many memories of them. Love, Judy

—Judy Ecklund

Susan and family sorry for the loss of your mother I know from talking with you Susan that it you were expecting it at any point in time you have my deepest

condolences our prayers and thoughts are with you and your family at this time if there's anything that we can do just call me or Michael and let us know

–Wanda Stacy