



Margaret Anne Byrd

May 21, 1939 - Aug. 7, 2025

Margaret Smith Byrd, 86, of Morganton, NC, passed away Thursday, August 7, 2025 while surrounded by her family.

Born in Harnett County, NC on May 21, 1939, she was the daughter of the late Gayland Smith and Mary Buie Smith. Margaret was a member of New London United Methodist Church and was an avid reader and golfer. She enjoyed shopping and was a generous woman, always giving to others. She was a devoted wife and a wonderful mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother.

Those left to cherish her memory include her daughter, Monica Byrd Rogers (Dwight) of Morganton; son, Harvey Dwight Byrd, Jr. (Michelle) of Anderson, SC; grandchildren, William Garrett Gillison (Becca) of Hillsborough, NC, Mary Margaret "Maggie" Holder (Heath) of Blowing Rock, NC, Dylan Spenser Byrd (Kelsey) of Parkville, MD, and Devyn Perry Byrd (Kasey) of Charlotte, NC; great-grandson, William Henry Holder of Blowing Rock; brothers and sisters, Virginia Warren (W.O.) of Myrtle Beach, SC, Edward Smith (Becky) of Clayton, NC, Jimmy Smith (Terry) of Emerald Isle, NC, Tommy Smith (Barbara) of Florida, James "Tinky" Smith (Dana) of Raleigh, NC, Harold Smith (Pat) of Wade, NC, Debbie Carroll (Walt) of Yorktown, VA, Vicky Busch (Howard) of Edmond, OK, and Jennifer Godwin of Erwin, NC; and numerous nieces,

nephews, and extended family.

In addition to her parents, Margaret was preceded in death by her husband of 65 years, Harvey Dwight Byrd, Sr.; daughters, Margaret Michelle Byrd and Millicent Hope Byrd; and a sister, Doris Strickland.

The family will receive friends from 2 to 3 p.m., Saturday, August 16, 2025 at Dunn Funeral Home in Erwin, NC with the funeral being held at 3 p.m. in the funeral home chapel. Burial will follow at Erwin Memorial Park.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Masonic Home for Children at Oxford (mhc-oxford.org).

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

Tribute Wall

To The Byrd Family I was her contact person when she called to place orders with Ross-Simons Jewelers, and she has been on my mind. I enjoyed speaking with Margaret, and she was always so pleasant and had an elegant way about her I could sense it. May her spirit and her positive way carry you for a long time.
Best & Warm Regards, Marguerite

–Marguerite Collins



So sorry I did not get to see you one last time. The last time saw her was before Aunt Lilly passed. She was visiting Aunt Lilly at the nursing home. Loved you cousin along with all the family. Prayers for comfort and peace for the family.

–SarahBuie Hunt

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She was so special!!! She will be missed!

–Mandi Eudy





–Rick & Lynn Matthews

I loved this little, sweet, lady! The last time I saw her was when we met for lunch in Estero, Florida and celebrated our birthday's together. She was so giving and would not let me buy her lunch. I promised the next time I saw her it would my treat. We met through our Sunday golf group at ECC. The little bag that still hangs on my golf bag was a gift from her. She filled it with golf balls and tees. I will never forget her, her giving heart, and her sweet smile. Rest in peace Maggie! You will be missed!

–Cindy Frankland