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Margaret Elizabeth York Causby

Feb. 17, 1942 - May 27, 2023

Margaret Elizabeth York Causby, 81, of Morganton, NC passed away peacefully Saturday, May 27, 2023 at her home with family by her side. Born on February 17, 1942, she was the daughter of the late Charlie and Lila Mae Smith. She was a 1960 graduate of Morganton High School and attended Appalachian State University. Margaret worked for 24 years at First United Methodist Church where she was also a lifelong member. She enjoyed playing the piano for the Men's Wesley Bible Class for over 20 years and played for Sunday School, early church service and other church events. She loved working at the church, her many friends there and helping others. She was kind, generous and accepting of all people and especially those in need.

She enjoyed living on a farm in the Carbon City area where she cared for and raised many farm animals and wildlife along with her dogs and cats – a testament to her love for all living creatures. She loved her family dearly, loved working in the yard with

her flowers and taking care of the animals and birds.

She will be remembered and missed by many, but especially her family. Children: John York (Kathy) of Asheville, Beth York Smith (Tracy) of Morganton, Sandi York of Granite Falls, Kathryn Causby Labsili of Raleigh, stepdaughter Nelsonya Causby of Berkeley. CA. Grandchildren: Elizabeth York Bauer (Michael), Harrison York, Rob

Warren (Andrea), Chris Edwards (Elizabeth), Jessica Edwards Banner, Mack Isenhower (Megan) of the US Navy, Kayla Adams (Josh), Bilal and Lila Labsili. Great-grandchildren: Ethan Cox, Mason Banner, Brady and Lukas Bauer, Mary Ella Jackson. Former husband, John York (Lucy) of Mechanicsville, VA. Also survived by her beloved animals Abby, JJ., Debo and Mindy. In addition to her parents, Margaret is preceded in death by her husband E. Nelson Causby.

The family will receive friends at 3pm, Saturday June 3, 2023 at Sossoman Funeral Home. A memorial service will be held in the Colonial Chapel of the funeral home at 4pm with the Revs. Dana and Holly McKim. A graveside committal will follow at Forest Hill Cemetery. The service will be streamed on www.sossomanfh.com starting at 4pm.

Memorial Contributions may be made to Cat’s Cradle of Morganton, Burke County Friends for Animals, or the Burke County Animal Alliance.

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

Tribute Wall



Rest in peace sweet lady

—Adriana Nickerson



Sending comfort, peace, and love to you all during this time. You all will be in my thoughts and prayers.

—Angela Nieves



I know at this time it is so very hard for you and your family. Just remember she is in heaven and sitting with our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Know that I am praying for you during this time.

—Susan Weaver

Margaret and I shared our first names which was confusing when one of us was called on in school in Morganton. She was a special person with always a kind word for everyone and certainly a kind and loving heart. I do appreciate her precious daughter keeping her friends up to date with her health, and I know Jesus has greeted Margaret with open arms.

—Margaret Bowers Walters



Margaret was a beautiful lady inside and out. Love and prayers for all of her family.

—Judy Lane Davis

My classmate at MHS. She will be missed, especially our reunions. She already said she would be there if she could several months ago. We always knew where to call Margaret - - - The Methodist Church. My deepest sympathy to all of her family. Jane Earp Brown

—Jane Earp Brown

I know she will be missed by many! Even tho we had not lived in the same town for 60 some years, I still considered her a friend!

—Sara Harbison Kelly

I have loved knowing Margaret for many years. She was a special warm, kind lady. We talked often over our love for animals. I will miss her. Condolences to all of her family.

—Barbara Lingerfelt

I am so sorry ...I loved Margaret and we kept up with each other all these many years! Sandi, you have been great keeping us informed about her health. She loved her family and animals so much...and was just a beautiful and intellegent person.. She loved her family and I will miss her. Will be unable to attend service because I am no able to get out much. Love to you all!!!!! Caroline Ervin

—Caroline Hamilton Ervin

We had a wonderful time (24 yrs) working at FUMC. I'll never forget our time together. You will always be in my thoughts and heart. Love Babette

—Babette Fleming



—Melody Miller

—RC Chapman

Margaret was a dear and special lady. We have known her for many years and truly loved and admired her. Our thoughts and prayers are with her friends and family. Ron and Annelle

—Ron and Annelle Mulwee