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Martha Franklin Blanchard

Sept. 6, 1938 - Jan. 18, 2023

Martha Franklin Blanchard, 84, of Morganton, NC, passed away Wednesday, January 18, 2023.

Born in Burke County, NC on September 6, 1938, she was the daughter of the late Hugh Franklin and Emmie Whisnant Franklin. Martha enjoyed working and taking care of the residents she cared for. She also drove a truck with her husband for a few years. Mrs. Blanchard was an inspiration to others and was very much a fireball. She was a sweet, loving person.

Martha is survived by her sister, Betty Sue Allen; daughters, Terri Lynne Taylor and Isma Takcs; sons, Floyd Henry Blanchard, III and Arthur Blanchard; grandson, Timothy C. and Tyler D. Norris; granddaughter, Leslie Paige Ross; great-grandson, Hayden Dwayne Chapman; a special nephew she loved as her own son, Stephen Edward Franklin; special niece, Kathy Mulwee Finley (Rick); and a number of nieces, nephews, cousins, and extended family.

In addition to her parents, Martha was preceded in death by her husband, Floyd Henry Blanchard, Jr.; son, Dwayne Edward Ross; sisters, Gladys Vaughn, Ruby Propst, Nellie Carswell, Bessie Mulwee, and Rosalie Franklin; and brothers, Carl Franklin and James “Bo” Franklin.

The family will receive friends from 5 to 6 p.m., Monday, January 23, 2023 at Sossoman Funeral Home. The memorial service will follow at 6 p.m. in the Colonial Chapel of the funeral home.

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

Tribute Wall

I WOULD LIKE TO SAY THAT I'M SORRY FOR YOU'RE LOSS..I KNOW MARTHA AND MY BEST UNCLE SUNNY.I LOVED MY UNCLE SUNNY WITH ALL MY HEART..I NO HOW IT FEELS,, I LOST MY BEST FRIEND AND MOTHER GLENDA BLANCHARD. R.I.P. JEFFREY BLANCHARD 828-6040847 IS MY NUMBER...

–JEFFREY BLANCHARD

–Pamela Carswell

Sorry to hear about your loss. I know she’s remembered by her family with wonderful memories.

–Christine Lewis



SO SORRY FOR YOUR LOSS. I WILL YOU AND THE FAMILY IN MY PRAYERS. KEEP THE FAITH AND KNOW THAT GOD LOVES YOU.

–loretta t. whiteside



– Crystal Blanchard Summers



I will always miss you momma Martha you was a very special loving,caring Lady to me as long as I have know you



My heart just breaks into over you. I know your in haven now beauful angle you can rest in peace now my love. MAY GOD BLESS YOU LOVE GINA LYNN!!

Mom you were my rock and the backbone of this family. Its hard knowing when I walk through the front door you won't be sitting there. I know you are in a better place which gives me comfort because you aren't in pain and suffering anymore. Its just hard accepting you aren't here anymore but I know your spirit will live on in me til the day comes when I meet you again in our entenal home. RIP Momma you lived a full life and I was so proud to be able to call you my momma. You were and always will be my hero and inspiration. Love always and forever. Your daughter.

—Terri Fowler



I will always have a special place in my heart for you, mawmaw, love and miss you.

—Nicole Flowers



—Stevie & Cassie