



*Mary Elizabeth Canipe  
Coe*

**Jan. 14, 1934 - Nov. 10, 2024**

Mary Elizabeth Canipe Coe boarded the Holy chariot as she left this earth to travel to her heavenly mansion on Sunday, November 10, 2024. Born in Morganton on January 14, 1934 to the late Mary Moody Canipe and Alvin Curtis Canipe.

Elizabeth is survived by her daughter, Karen M. Lowdermilk (Roy); granddaughter, Tonya M. Lowdermilk; step-children, Mora Bogley (Bob) and Sean Coe; and several nephews.

Elizabeth was preceded in death by her husband, Fred W. Coe; brothers, Eulus Canipe (Mable), Alvin Canipe (Doris), Edward Canipe, Harold Canipe; sister, Ruby Hice (Kenneth).

Elizabeth was a loving wife, mother, mother-in-law and a very special grandmother to Tonya. She had a special bond with Tonya and was always there for her with love and support whenever Tonya needed a role model and someone to lean on. Elizabeth and Tonya spent many special times together over her lifetime. During Elizabeth's illness, Tonya was by her side every day helping her heal and caring for her grandmother. Elizabeth loved her family dearly and made sure that her family knew how much they meant to her. Elizabeth will be greatly missed by her family.

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After attending Morganton High School, Elizabeth graduated from Bristol Business School. She also completed multiple courses in interior design which became her passion. Elizabeth opened and operated House of Décor in Morganton and Statesville, NC. After meeting the love of her life (Fred Coe), she closed her business in Statesville and moved to Dallas, Texas where she successfully reopened her business under the name of Expressly Yours Interior Designs. Her work was featured twice in the Dallas City Magazine. Several years later, Elizabeth and Fred relocated to the Atlanta, Georgia area where she again re-established her design business. Her work was also featured in the Atlanta City Magazine. In 2000, Elizabeth and Fred retired to the Statesville, NC area. During their retirement, they enjoyed extensive travel across the continental United States, Hawaii, Europe, Japan, Puerto Rico, Mexico and the Caribbean Islands. After the passing of her beloved husband, Elizabeth moved back to Morganton to be closer to family.

The family would like to recognize our home health nurses for all the care and love that they showed to Elizabeth and our family. Additionally, we would also like to recognize the wonderful care that the UNC Blue Ridge ICU Department nurses and physicians provided to Elizabeth over the last two years. The wonderful care that you gave to Elizabeth allowed us to have an additional two years with her that will always be cherished.

The family will receive friends from 1 to 2 p.m., Wednesday, November 20, 2024 at Sossoman Funeral Home. The funeral will begin at 2 p.m. in the Colonial Chapel of the funeral home with Rev. Keith Rose and Pastor Faye Acuff officiating. Entombment will follow at Burke Memorial Park Mausoleum.

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

# Tribute Wall



Rest in piece. I'm sure Dad is waiting for you along with all the pets you both gave homes to.

—Sean Coe



—Anonymous



Lib was a cherished friend over the years . I will never forget the many fun times we shared. May she find peace with her Father in Heaven. Praying her family finds comfort in each other and in their loving memories of her. Pat

—Patricia Thorneburg