



Mattie Lovins Fox

May 24, 1933 - Sept. 10, 2025

Mattie Williams Fox, 92, of Morganton, NC, passed away Wednesday, September 10, 2025.

Born in Grayson County, VA on May 24, 1933, she was the daughter of the late Thomas Jesse Williams and Edith Spangler Williams.

Mattie was a member of Living Hope Pentecostal Church in Lenoir and sang in the choir. She enjoyed doing her morning devotional. Mattie retired from Broughton Hospital with over 20 years of services and played piano for several churches. She loved all animals, especially her cats. In her younger years, Mattie taught elementary school, both in Grayson County, VA and Sparta, NC.

A loving and devoted wife, mother, and grandmother, Mattie is survived by her son, Add "Thomas" McMillan (Carla); son-in-law, David Alderson; grandchildren, Jana Barr (Jack), Jamie McMillan (Scott Garner), Myriah Trotsenko, Eddie Alderson, and April Steele; and great-grandchild, Marley Barr.

In addition to her parents, Mattie was preceded in death by her husband, Carrol Fox; and daughter, Evelyn Alderson.

The family will receive friends from 1 to 2 p.m., Saturday, September 27, 2025 at Sossoman Funeral Home. A celebration of Mattie's life will follow at 2 p.m. in the Colonial Chapel of the funeral Home with Mr. Thomas McMillan and Rev. Edward King officiating.

In lieu of flowers, please make a donation to the animal shelter of your choice in Mattie's name.

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

Tribute Wall

Dear Thomas and Family, We were sorry to hear about the passing of your mother. Just wanted to let you and the family know that you are in our continued thoughts and prayers.

—Danny and Sondra Owenby



Dear Thomas and family, My heart broke when I heard the news of the loss of your mother, my dad Jesse Lee's sister, aunt Mattie. brother Mike broke the news to me and my heart sank. I only had the privilege of meeting Aunt Mattie the one time years ago when we met at a family reunion in Galax Va. she was the sweetest lady I've ever met. Just so darn sweet. I'll never forget the first time we met, she was sitting at a table with my brother Mike at the hotel I was staying at. Me my wife and my boys came walking up behind her and she looked over her shoulder, saw me and the tears started rolling down her cheeks! I'll never ever forget that as long as I live. She said I looked just like my father and she covered her mouth and just hugged me and it felt like I knew her forever. What an honor It was to talk to her over the phone many times, over the years. I can still hear her sweet voice calling me "sweetie pie". My only regret is that I didn't know her more. However, I, oh, so look forward to meeting her again one day, when we all meet for one more final reunion in heaven, that will last for eternity.

The whole Williams bunch. My lovely wife Kathleen and my Sons Michael, Ben and Joey Lee, also send their deepest condolences. May the God of comfort, comfort the williams families hearts many times over , through this heart breaking time. Thank you God for the life of Mattie Lovins

Fox. Grace and peace always. "How Precious in the sight of the LORD is the death of his saints. Psalm 116:15 Thomas Jesse Williams II

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I had the great honor of being Mrs. Mattie Fox mail carrier for several years. What a wonderful person she was. Always so kind and precious! What a joy it was to see her smiling face open the door and chat for a little bit. My prayers to the family for Gods grace to walk thru this. ~Pamela Sharpe (USPS)

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Mattie was a wonderful co-worker and inspiration to all who knew her. May blessing follow the family for generations to come.

—Wanda Nichols

Mr Thomas and family, my deepest sympathies for your loss. Please remember how much you are loved here in Seymour. I am here if there's anything I can do. You and Miss Carla mean so much to me. Even though I didn't know your mother, I do know that loss is hard. You are in my heart and thoughts in the coming days during this mourning process. I love you Mr Thomas and I am so grateful God put you with me on my journey! Your faith has always been and inspiration for me.

—Sandy Perryman

Thomas and all of your family, I'm so very sorry. My childhood memories of her were that she was always kind and a help to anyone she could. Her sweet smile

and words of encouragement to students at school are remembered. May God wrap you all in love and comfort as you mourn.



—Donald Choate

My deepest condolences!

—Brian Kirby



Loce & Prayers for you & your family. ONLY ONE MOTHER

—Audrey Brown