



*Mearl Louise Morrow
Stine*

Jan. 20, 1930 - Aug. 18, 2026

Mearl Louise Morrow Stine, 96, of Morganton, NC, passed away Tuesday, August 18, 2026.

Born in Burke County, NC on January 20, 1930, she was the daughter of the late William Morrow and Cora Lee Mabe Morrow.

Mearl was an active member of Friendship Baptist Church, especially in the nursery, until her health prevented her from continuing. She enjoyed cleaning and reading newspapers and books. Mrs. Stine attended NCSD, was fluent in sign language, and enjoyed being able to communicate with the deaf community.

Those left to cherish her memory include her son, Danny Stine (Jessica); daughters, Linda Barnes (David) and Patsy Franklin (Eddie); five grandchildren; twenty-two great-grandchildren; two great-great-grandchildren; sister-in-law, DJ Stine; and numerous nieces, nephews, and extended family.

In addition to her parents, Mearl was preceded in death by her husband, Berlin Andrew Stine; granddaughter, Julie Bruen; and all her siblings.

The family will receive friends from 1 to 2 p.m., Sunday, August 23, 2026 at Sossoman Funeral Home. The funeral will be held at 2 p.m. in the Colonial Chapel of

the funeral home with Pastor James Cain Jr. and Rev. Phillip King officiating. Burial will follow in Burke Memorial Park.

Memorial contributions may be made to Friendship Baptist Church.

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

Tribute Wall

To Mearl's Family I had the privilege to deliver meals to Mrs. Stein for many years. Your father was still living at the time when I began visiting them. Your mom was always so kind, her home was so tidy, and we shared prayer when she had a specific concern. She always wanted to share cards that she received and loved her family so much! She will be missed!

—Melissa Hall



I work at the hospital and loved Mearl, she was a gem. Our laboratory has never been as clean since she left. She was such a blessing to all of us. Such fond memories. Rest in peace sweet lady.

—Debra Waddell



Sweet Merle worked in house keeping at Grace Hospital and I worked in a different dept. but I got to see her often and talk with her. She always had a big smile on her face and such a sweet lady. Sending my deepest sympathy to the Family. Rachel Causby Morgan

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Patsy and Ffamily, I am so sorry about your.loss! May God bless you all with peace and comfort. Truly you are in my thoughts and prayers!

—Glenda s Truax

Mearl, you were such a dear sister in law and I loved you



very much; to my nieces and nephew, Linda, Danny & Patsy I offer my deepest sympathy in the loss of your Mom and lift prayers for each of you.

Merle was the last of the neighborhood moms. We all grew up in the neighborhood around Table Rock Shop. Her kids and I were all just starting school and we're friends until we graduated. She was always nice to the neighborhood kids.

—Doug Dale



Enjoy the other side, Grandmaw. I love you! I'll see you when I get there.

—Matt Stine

Patsy and Family, I'm so sorry for your loss Having Merle this long had to be hard for you all I just Pray the Good Lord will wrap his Loving arms around you all and comfort all of you during this loss and for days to come May God Bless you all

—RandySpake

We love you.

—John Morrow

I will miss Merle. She was on my MOW route! She was a very sweet person! I am sorry for your loss!

Sorry for your loss:

—Dawn Roper



Prayers for my dear Aunt Patsy. You gave your mother the wonderful gift of love. She knew she was safe with you and cared for. I love you Aunt Patsy.

—Tina D. Delaney



May god bless the amazing soul of my great aunt Mearl. She will truly be missed on this earth but is now reunited with our Heavenly Father and family that has gone before her.

—Kyle Eicher

I used to work with Meryl at Grace hospital on 2 nd shift. She was always so sweet and caring to me . A hard worker love people. May God comfort each of you during this time. .. praying for you. Linda causby

—Linda causby