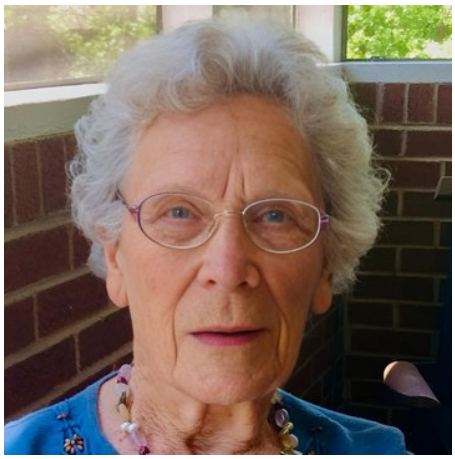
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Nan Rivers

July 18, 1926 - May 2, 2026

Nan Rivers, 99, of Morganton, NC, peacefully passed away Saturday, May 2, 2026.

Born in Burke County on July 18, 1926, she was the daughter of the late Frank Walker and Maude Branch Walker.

Nan attended Oak Forest Methodist Church most of her life. She loved to cook, and she was known for her German chocolate cakes and fudge. Nan also enjoyed traveling, and she loved flowers, especially African violets. She also dearly loved her family.

Those left to cherish her memory include her daughters, Beatrice “Bea” Whyle-Spitz (Jack) and Susan Carswell (Rick); grandchildren, Rebecca Stokes (Jeff), Tad Ehrlich (Lynda), Richie Carswell (Haley), Katie Wise (Robbie), Terry Carswell (Crystal), and Jamie Burkes (Ron); multiple great-grandchildren; nephews, Scott Devine (Stacey) and Andy Devine (Tammy); and numerous extended familiy.

In addition to her parents, Nan was preceded in death by her husband, Fred Rivers; sister, Frankie Devine; and grandchildren, John Mull, Jr., Toby Ehrlich, and Jeffrey Whyle-Spitz.

The family will have a private graveside service at Forest Hill Cemetery with Chaplain

Jamie Hazel officiating.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Alzheimer’s Research.

The family would like to express their appreciation to Nan’s caregiver, Dereama Holloway and the staff of Amorem Hospice.

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

Tribute Wall

I only had the privilege of meeting and loving this dear lady and her family in her latter years. I can only imagine that Nan was a lovely lady in her in her younger years! Thank you Bea & Susan for letting me be a small part of the family!!

—Eddie Reece



Aunt Nan was such a sweet lady. I have many memories of visiting in their home as a child. She always made me feel welcome and at home. Closing my eyes, I can hear her voice. She will always have a special place in my heart. I am praying for Bea and Susan and all her loved ones.

—Linda Mims