



*Patsy Saunders  
Lovelace*

**May 2, 1948 - Feb. 1, 2026**

Patsy Lovelace, 77 of Morganton, NC went to be with her Lord and Savior, Sunday, February 1, 2026. Born on May 2, 1948, she was the daughter of the late Odas and Nell Saunders. Patsy was a member of Missionary Ridge Baptist Church.

Patsy was a graduate of Salem High School and Western Piedmont Community College. She loved children and ran a home daycare for over 20 years.

However, her true calling was serving the Lord, alongside her husband, Donald. She enjoyed ministering to others, singing in the choir, teaching Sunday School, and volunteering at Vacation Bible School. If there was a need in her church family or community, Patsy was always ready to meet it.

Patsy enjoyed planning trips and traveling with both her family and church family. Even though she traveled many places, her favorite spot was always Myrtle Beach.

Patsy is survived by her daughter Joy Buff (Brad); grandchildren, Brayson, Brenlyn, Jolann Buff; aunts; cousins and friends who she thought of as her siblings; fur baby, Kity Sue.

In addition to her parents, Patsy was preceded in death by her husband, of 55 years, Rev. Donald Lovelace.

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The family will receive friends from 2pm until 3pm, Sunday, February 8, 2026 at Missionary Ridge Baptist Church. A funeral will be held in the church at 3pm with the Rev. Darren Browning officiating. Burial will follow in the church cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, the family would like to touch the lives of children by sharing the love of Jesus through [Samaritans Purse](#).

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

# Tribute Wall



Thinking of y'all and sending my condolences to Aunt Patsy's family at this time.

—Kayla Wilson

To know her was to love her. She lived her Christian faith and showed it in many ways from her sweet smile, her compassionate spirit, and helping others when needed. Those who called her friend were truly "Blessed". We cherish many memories of both Patsy and Donald. Our prayer are with you.

—Ronny & Gail Dula



Patsy was such a precious light. She was always so loving. She definitely made a beautiful impression on this world. Her family is in our prayers.

—Melanie Fite

Patsy was such a lovely and dear lady. She was so special to her friends and everything good and loving to her family. My thoughts and prayers are with all of her friends and family.

—Annelle Mulwee

My best friend all through Elementary, Junior High, and High School. I love you Patsy & I am going to miss you.



Precious memories of Patsy at Pilot Mountain & Salem. She was so sweet and always had something nice to say about everyone! She certainly has left a legacy of caring and love. Prayers for all her family, Libby Norman Young

—Libby Norman Young

My heart was so saddened to hear of Patsy's passing. Much love & prayers for her family.

—Veda Walker



So sorry to hear! Patsy was a wonderful Christian lady who I loved dearly! She will be missed by many!

—Cecil Carson



—Nathan Chapman

Joy and family, We know that there is a beautiful voice in heaven's choir now that

precious Patsy has joined. We're heartbroken to lose her but she has joyfully entered God's presence! We loved Patsy.

—Tim and Phyllis Wilson

May God's loving Arms comfort each one of this sweet family in love .. she was loved by all and always had that sweet smile . She is so happy now she's with her true love ... praying for days ahead Big Hugs Steve Diane Rhodes

—Diane Steve Rhodes

Our sincerest condolences to your family. Patsy was so special to us. She will be greatly missed

—Tammie & Thomas Frank



—Peggy G Wilson

Patsy was a wonderful Christian lady to know her was to love! Sending prayers to her family and loved ones

—Marqueta Wilson

Patsy was a wonderful friend and mentor all my life. Her prayers, cards, notes, her smile, her love for children, have been a constant in my life for as long as I can remember. She was driven by her love for Jesus and her church, children and grandchildren. I have so many memories I will cherish forever.

—Tammy Mull