



*Paula Marie Benfield  
Craig*

**Nov. 18, 1945 - Feb. 16, 2016**

Paula Marie Benfield Craig, 70, of Morganton, NC went home to be with the Lord on Tuesday, February 16, 2016. Born in Burke County, NC on November 18, 1945, she was the daughter of the late Albert Lee Saulman and Frances E. Taylor Saulman. Mrs. Craig was a loving and devoted mother and grandmother who loved doing anything with her family and friends, especially shopping, cooking, and playing bingo. She truly enjoyed taking care of her grandchildren and they helped keep her young. Paula was looking forward to the birth of her third great-grandchild. Mrs. Craig enjoyed helping her husband install and service video games and also with a locksmith business.

The family would like to thank the staff at Grace Heights for their love and care for the past 3 years.

Paula is survived by her husband, Fred Dean Craig of the home; a son, Tony Lee Benfield; a daughter, Shelby Benfield Price and her husband, Kevin; a daughter-in-law, Tammy Beck Benfield; a step-son, Bobby Craig and his wife, Sue; grandchildren, Ryan Benfield and his wife, Brandy, Derek Benfield and his wife, Brittani, Heather Riddle and her husband, Dustin, Tasha Haas, Dustin Benfield, and Cody Benfield; great-grandchildren, Dylan Benfield and Paisley Riddle; brothers, Ralph Lee Saulman and his wife, Marilyn, and Charles Saulman and his wife, Mary; a number of nephews and nieces; and extended family.

In addition to her parents, Paula was preceded in death by her son, Thomas Martin Benfield; and brothers, Larry Richard Saulman and Steven Eugene Saulman.

The family will receive friends from 1 – 2 p.m. Sunday, February 21, 2016 at Sossoman Funeral Home and Crematory Center. The funeral will be held at 2 p.m. in the Colonial Chapel of the funeral home with the Rev. Keith Rose officiating. Burial will follow at Burke Memorial Park.

# Tribute Wall

No tributes added yet.