



*Pearl Blankenship
Smith*

April 22, 1930 - Sept. 29, 2025

Pearl Blankenship Smith, 95, of Morganton, NC, went home to be with the Lord on Monday, September 29, 2025.

Born in Madison County, NC on April 22, 1930, she was the daughter of the late Nathan Dempsey Blankenship and Ada Davis Blankenship.

Pearl was a member of Silver Creek Baptist Church. She was a devoted wife and mother who loved and took care of her family. She retired from Broughton Hospital after 32 years of service and enjoyed camping and spending time with her family. Pearl was an exceptional cook.

Those left to cherish her memory include her brothers, Paul Blankenship and Alvin Blankenship; sisters, Mary Proffit and Esther Osteen; and son-in-law, Billy Downs.

In addition to her parents, Pearl was preceded in death by her husband, Roy Leonard Smith; daughter, Barbara Downs; and sisters, Ethel Hensley, Martha Franklin, Lillian Johnson, and Frankie Banks.

The family will receive friends from 1 to 2 p.m., Sunday, October 5, 2025 at Sossoman Funeral Home. The funeral will be held at 2 p.m. in the Colonial Chapel of the funeral home with Rev. Randy Clark officiating. Burial will follow in Burke

Memorial Park.

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

Tribute Wall



Mrs Pearl ,I loved you so much ..you were such a friendly ,sweet neighbor .. I thought the world of hubby Roy also .. I know you are now at peace and at the throne of Jesus .. it won't be long until I will be there until I meet you again enjoy heaven and hear the Angel band sing praise ! Joann Riddle and family .

—Joann Riddle



Always loved aunt Pearl. Fly high with your Heavenly wings. Till I see you again

—Debbie Boone

Pearl I know you are in heaven with our Lord ,we were neighbors for many years and you were always so sweet to my children. Rest in Peace Pearl, you will be missed.

—Freida Angley

I am going to miss you so much you are a very special lady I love you I know you are so happy being with Uncle Roy and Barbara you will always be in my heart

—Deborah Smith

–Verda Hutchins Newton

Family my thoughts and prayers are with you. I only met Pearl not long ago, but she was very sweet and friendly. My thoughts and prayers are with you all. I know I will see her again as well as Barbara Downs and others too when I get to Heaven. God bless you all.

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