



Pearle Poteat
Anderson Deaton
May 19, 1922 - July 24, 2026

Pearle Poteat Anderson Deaton, 104, of Morganton, NC, passed away Friday, July 24, 2026.

Born in McDowell County, NC on May 19, 1922, she was the daughter of the late Jesse Berlin Poteat and Stella Hill Poteat.

Pearle was a member of Glen Alpine United Methodist Church. She was also a member of the Methodist Women's Circle and the Glen Alpine Women's Club. Pearle loved going to church, shopping, going out to eat, and getting her nails done. She was a wonderful mother, sister, aunt, and friend, who was beloved for her kindness, sweetness, and keen sense of humor.

Those left to cherish her memory include her grandchildren, Angie Watts (Charlie), Janie Anderson McMorris, Andy Peters, and Deuce Kirk; sister, Joyce Hilmer (Norman); son-in-law, Larry Kehoe; and numerous nieces, nephews, and extended family that she loved dearly.

In addition to her parents, Pearle was preceded in death by her first husband, Jim Anderson; second husband, Hubert Deaton; third husband, Mel Moore, who had a lasting impact on her life; daughter, Avis Anderson Kehoe; son, Travis Anderson; and siblings: Johnny Poteat (Eave), Clarence Poteat (Weeta), Calvin Poteat (Lil), Jessia

siblings, Johnny F. O'Leary (Ray), Clarence F. O'Leary (Weela), Calvin F. O'Leary (Liz), Jessie Fay Patton (Raymond), Pauline Kiser (Carmie), Dora Sue Crawley (Long), Sarah Margaret Queen (Frank), and Jennie Ree Bost (Charles).

The family will receive friends from 1 to 2 p.m., Wednesday, July 29, 2026 at Sossoman Funeral Home. The funeral will be held at 2 p.m. in the Colonial Chapel of the funeral home and burial will follow at Burke Memorial Park.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Bethel Methodist Church at Dry Ponds on Dysartsville Road.

The family would like to express their appreciation to the staff of Grace Ridge for the compassionate care shown to Pearle. The family would also like to make a special note of appreciation to Brenda Queen, Pearle's niece, for all the love, care, and assistance she has provided to Pearle over the last 20 years.

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

Tribute Wall

My Nana was a true Survivor. She taught me to be strong no matter what life threw my way. She was always there for me. My life was truly blessed by having her as my "Nana".

—Angela Watts



You was a beautiful lady. You stole the heart of many and will be missed deeply. I had so much pleasure caring for you at grace ridge. CNA Alicia Osborne

—Alicia Osborne

I love u my dear Nana! U are the whole reason I am the best Nana I can be now! For that I am forever grateful to you! You always had a smile on your face no matter what & not 1 time my whole entire life I never heard you complain about anything & always strived forward tuff as nails but delicate as a flower

—Jane Elizabeth McMorris



Sorry to hear about the passing of Sweet Pearl. She was always full of joy. We had the pleasure to go to church, out to eat, visit and go places with her and Mel when they were able to do things. She is now walking the streets of gold with Mel and the other members of her family. Prayers for all the family. From: David Webb and Rachel Morgan

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—Rachel Causby Morgan

Sorry to hear that precious Pearl as passed away. We went to church with Pearl

and Mel and also spent a lot of time with them and other friends going out to eat, visiting, and going places together as long as they could. She is now walking hand in hand with Mel and other members of her family on the streets of gold and still having a good time. Sending prayers to the Family. From: David Webb and Rachel Morgan.

—Rachel Causby Morgan



It was a great pleasure to care for you.

—Brandy Turbyfill



She was a joy to take care of we would sing amazing grace, this little light of mine, and many more every morning while getting her ready for the day. She would always say she'll bake me a cake. I absolutely loved her she was everyone's grandma and gave us the best hugs. She will be so very missed at grace ridge.- CNA at ridge

—Taylor Vanharken



Ms Pearl was one of the kindest women I've ever had the pleasure of knowing. Although I met her very late in her life, I can almost imagine the firecracker I'm sure she once was. She kept all of us at Grace Ridge laughing with her southern charm and quick wit. She would sing hymns and even belt

out “the gambler” by Kenny Rodgers if the mood struck her. She will be missed. Gosh I could go on forever. But one of my favorite things she would say at dinner was “that’s delicious and nutritious”, and she said it with so much enthusiasm, you couldn’t help but to smile. Rest easy Pearl,

you’ve touch so many people, now it’s time to rest, and reunite with those who have gone before you. You will always be a part of my heart. The kingdom of heaven opens for you , I’ll be sure to stop by and say hi when I get there. Wendy~ Grace Ridge CNA

–Wendy Morgan



–Stacey Wilson

So sorry for your loss.Sending thoughts and prayers too All the family.I grew up with the brothers and sisters of the Poteat family.Suxh a wonderful family. May God be with you all and fill you with wonderful memories of your precious loved one. Sending my love and prayers to the family. Johnsie Greene Chatham.

–Johnsie Greene Chatham

Angie sorry for the loss of your grandmother cherish your memories and the times that you have had with her you and Charlie are in my thoughts and prayers during this difficult time

–Wanda Stacy