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Phyllis Dills Banner

Aug. 28, 1938 - Oct. 15, 2026

Phyllis Dills Banner, 88, of Morganton, NC, went home to be with her Lord and Savior on Thursday, October 15, 2026.

Born in Catawba County, NC on August 28, 1938, she is the daughter of the late Allie Lee Dills and Muriel Greene Dills.

Phyllis was a member of Hopewell Baptist Church. In 1957, Phyllis won the Miss Morganton Beauty Pageant. She graduated from the Grace Hospital School of Nursing in 1958 and authored a book about her experiences there. Upon graduation, she worked for Dr. Hemmings. She later earned her degree as a physician's assistant in the 70s and worked at the North Carolina Department of Corrections for more than 20 years.

Those left to cherish her memory include her husband, Raymond Banner; son, Scott Prewitt; step-son, Stacey Banner (Charlotte); brother, Charles "Herb" Dills (Toni); and numerous nieces, nephews, and extended family.

In addition to her parents, Phyllis was preceded in death by a son, Mickey Prewitt; sisters, Doris Inglis and Martha Lee Dills; and a brother, Thomas Eugene Dills.

The family will receive friends from 12 to 1 p.m., Tuesday, October 20, 2026 at

Sossoman Funeral Home. The funeral will be held at 1 p.m. in the Colonial Chapel of the funeral home with Dr. Danny Emory and Rev. Homer Murdock officiating. Entombment will follow in Burke Memorial Park Mausoleum with honors provided by the Nurses Honor Guard and the North Carolina Department of Corrections Honor Guard.

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

Tribute Wall

She was always helpful when I came to work at WCC and nice when I had back problems.

—Robert Lathan

Raymond and Family - We just seen Phyllis's obituary. We are so sorry to hear this news. It is a loss to your family and the church family. She has been a blessing to my family for many years. Love and Prayers Eldon and Brenda Hinegardner

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Do sorry about the passing of Phyllis she has taught me and helped me so much. Phyllis did not die. She just changed addresses. She is now enjoying all the joy of heaven prayers thoughts hugs and love, Brenda Huffman.

—Eddy and BrendaHuffman



Our sympathies are with your family.

—Chuck & Barbara Parris

When I met Phyllis in 1993, she was a nurse. But she was also a baker, a cake decorator, and a photographer. She made my wedding cake and she was the photographer as well. She did both jobs perfectly. She was so nice to me. I felt

like she was someone I could rely on for those important things. After reading all of the comments, I know I was right. Prayers for the family.

–Phyllis Shuping

I can't say enough kind words about Phyllis. I met her while I was working as a nurse at Grace Hospital. She was a special person. I will never forget her. My heart goes out to all of you.Phyllis Smith.

–Phyllis Smith

Deepest sympathy.

–Ann Smith

–Ann

So nice of you to recognize her important partnership with my father in his pediatrics practice...i hav ed=fond memories of Phyllis from my childhood.

–Hugh Hemmings



Our condolences to Raymond and the family members. Such a sweet and caring lady Phyllis was. We will miss her, her smiling face and her always caring nature. She is now healed and in the presence of Jesus whom she loved and proclaimed. Fly high in heaven Phyllis, until we meet again. - Barry & Vanessa Clontz

–Vanessa & Barry Clontz



—Sharon Swink Cain

Phyllis was a kind, considerate, generous friend and coworker. She was welcoming and respectful and taught me so much. Will always remember our lunch walks and talks at Western Correctional Center. Prayers for Raymond and all the family as they learn to live without her. I know her sweet memories will carry you through your grief.

—Pam Chapman



We loved Phyllis dearly. She was such a blessing to our family and she will be missed. My parents always talk about all your trips together and have fond memories of those times. We will miss her. My prayers are with you and your family.

—Tracy Delehant



So sorry to hear about Phyllis. She was always a very kind and caring person. Sending love and prayers

—Rhonda Davis Abee



—John Harley Walker



Very sweet lady. Condolences to all her loved ones. She will be missed.

–Jack and Bobbie Cox



–Ann Washington



I had the honor and privilege to care for Phyllis during her time at the Berkeley, she was such a sweet, kind and caring woman. Her smile was so beautiful and contagious, I loved and cared for her very much. I'm praying for her family, friends and loving ones during this time.

–Bailey condrey



Phyllis was my Nurse when I was a baby going to De Hemmings. I always lived her kindness. Later in life when I was in Nursing school saw her kindness and compassion at the Western Youth. I can't say enough about her. She is an Angel.

–Tammy Chapman



–Carolyn Mauney



Phyllis was a good lady, am excellent PA, and an outstanding employee.

–W. Leon Morrow



–Debbie Dobson

Loved working with and learning from Phyllis. She was an amazing teacher and care giver.

–Joyce imboden

To the best sister a man could ever have there’s nothing that she wouldn’t do for me or anyone else she was a shining light for everyone and willing to help anyone and the best wife to her husband Raymond my brother n law and best of all she loved Jesus she will be missed greatly but I will see her again in heaven Amen and Amen

–Charles Herb & Toni Dills



To the banner family my deepest sympathy for your loss Phyllis was an excellent person I always enjoyed talking with her when she came into the outpatient surgery at Grace hospital herb I know she was especially proud of you because she get out often talked about you without see her at the hospital it's been a long time know that you are in my

thoughts and prayers take care you've got some great memories of your sister cherish those memories

–Wanda Stacy



Sweet Phyllis may she rest in peace. When she first came to The Berkeley she would always talk about my “beautiful red hair” and how she wanted to take me home with her and go shopping. Phyllis will be deeply missed by us at The Berkeley. Prayers to Raymond and his family in this time

–Faith

Such a sweet lady. Worked with her at Western Youth Institute. Condolences to all of her loved ones.

–Jack and Bobbie Cox