



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.

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