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Rita Willis Carswell

Feb. 15, 1938 - April 28, 2023

Rita Willis Carswell, 85 of Lenoir, NC passed away, Friday, April 28, 2023. Born on February 15, 1938, she was the daughter of the late Max and Nancy Willis. Rita was a member of North Morganton United Methodist Church. She was an amazing person with a grateful heart. Rita was strong in her faith, loved her family dearly, and was always willing to help anyone in need.

Rita is survived by her sons, Rick Hoyle (Lydia), Keith Hoyle (Sharon), Tracy Carswell (Sandra), and Kevin Carswell; Wendy Hayworth (Todd); 17 grandchildren, 11 great-grandchildren and 2 great great-grandchildren,

In addition to her parents, Rita was preceded in death by her husband Charles Wayne Carswell; 2 brothers and 1 sister.

There will be a private family service held at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital or Shriners Hospital for Children in her name.

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

Tribute Wall



—Fike family

Condolences and prayers for the family. Grief is a storm that rages in the heart Peace is a calm that soothes the pain Grief and peace are both parts of love. In all things, seek peace during times of grief.

—Max Zane



We are saddened to hear this. may gods love and grace carry you through this very difficult time. love Rick and Virginia

—Rick and Virginia linke

Rita was so sweet to me and all of us at New Beginnings Baptist Church. We love her and miss her. Sending love and prayers to her family.

—Hazel Bryant