



Shirley Fredell Mull
Bingham

Jan. 3, 1943 - Oct. 11, 2025

Shirley Fredell Mull Bingham, 82, of Old NC 18, Connelly Springs, passed away at her home following a long and valiant battle with cancer. Shirley was the fourth of nine children born January 3rd, 1943, to Tom and Florence Presnell Fredell.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her first husband of 32 years, Charles "Burr" Mull, brother Thomas Fredell, sisters Violet Rich Webster, and Judy Fredell.

She is survived by her husband of 24 years, Larry P Bingham, son Charles Timothy Mull and wife Terri, daughter Dinah Mull Cruse and husband Randy, grandson Charles Jordan Cruse, all of Connelly Springs, NC, granddaughters Charlotte M Hibert (Kurt), of Fargo, ND, India R Cruse, of Hickory, NC, Maria M Loveless (Ethan), of Vale, NC, Isabell M Copeland (Graham) of Connelly Springs, NC, and great-grandson Cyrus Hibert, of Fargo, ND.

She is also survived by sisters Joyce Rector, of Orlando, FL, Wanda Lynn (Joe) and Teresa Lail, both of Hickory, NC, Debra Coleman and brother Jerry Fredell (Anita) both of Connelly Springs, NC. Also surviving is sister-in-law Vickie Mull Metcalf of Connelly Springs, Nancy Houser (Sonny) and Guynell Bingham of Vale, along with a great number of nieces and nephews.

Shirley graduated from George Hildebran High School in 1961 and remained close to her classmates throughout the years celebrating their 60th reunion in 2021. She worked for many years at Alba Waldensian before becoming the manager of Days Inn in Morganton. From there she spent 10 years as a dispatcher for the Burke County Sheriff's Department.

Her favorite place to be was at her home where she has lived for over 60 years. Shirley was a wonderful cook who enjoyed cooking big Sunday dinners for the family and never missed cooking a big Thanksgiving dinner as well as a fabulous Christmas Eve spread.

The family will receive friends from 1pm until 2pm, Friday, October 17, 2025 at Sossoman Funeral Home. A funeral will be held in the Colonial Chapel of the funeral home with the Pastor Tamika Garrison. Burial will follow at Zion Hill Baptist Church.

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

Tribute Wall



Dinah and Tim what a wonderful mother you were blest with. Every time I saw Shirley she had that unique and sweet smile. Shirley was beautiful inside and out. She only had good things to say about her fellow persons. Every time you and her family and friends think of Shirley, it will be good memories. I hope to talk to you sometime later Dinah. You reached out to me when my own beautiful mother passed and I'd like to do the same for you! It means a lot when a good friend will share some kind thoughts during our time of loss. The. comforting thought is we will be able to see our mothers and fathers again! In Heaven! Love from June Mull.

—June Mull

So sorry to hear of Shirley's passing. She friendly and had a sweet contagious smile. Prayers for Tim and Dinah and all her family. Love, Debbie

—Debbie Cook Putnam



Sending prayers for comfort and strength to all. I'm so sorry for your loss. May your memories of your mom bring you peace and comfort.


—Kay Smith

Shirley was always such a sweet person with a bright smile.

She will be missed.



—Deb Coleman



I'm so sorry to hear about Shirley. I worked with her at Days Inn and she taught me so much! She was my Maid of Honor almost 40 years ago. I had the utmost respect for her and she is one of my favorite people in the world. Sending prayers for her family. My most sincere condolences.

—Linda Allman

Shirley was one of my favorite people in the world. I worked with her at Days Inn and she taught me so much. The world was a much better place with her in it. Sincere condolences. Sending prayers for her family.

—Linda Allman

Was a pleasure to know and work with such a great Lady while we both worked at the BCSD. Rest in peace.

—Sam Buckner

So sorry Dinah my heart goes out to you and your family. Prayers for you my sweet friend.

—Mona Townsend