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Shirley Freeman

Dec. 18, 1939 - Jan. 9, 2024

Shirley Freeman, 84, of Morganton, NC, passed away Tuesday, January 9, 2024.

Born in Rutherford County, NC on December 18, 1939, she is the daughter of the late Thomas Crawford Norville, Sr. and Robert Mae Laughter Norville.

Shirley was a member of Nowling's Chapel Freewill Baptist Church, where she took comfort and joy in loving the Lord and sharing that love with everyone she knew, and everyone she met.

Those left to remember her light include her son Mel Freeman, his partner Barbara Jones, and her granddaughters Molly and Callaghan Freeman. In addition, she will be fondly remembered by her sister JoAnne Cook and her husband Howard Cook, their sons Eddie Cook and Pastor Randy Cook, and their spouses and children, as well as many beloved nieces, nephews, and cousins.

In addition to her parents, Shirley was preceded in death by her sons Donald Freeman, Richard Freeman, and Adam Freeman, and her husband Ned Freeman, as well as many beloved brothers and sisters.

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The family will receive friends on Monday, January 15, 2024 from 1 to 2 p.m. at Nowling's Chapel Freewill Baptist Church. The funeral will be held at 2 p.m. in the church with Rev. Darvy Hensley and Pastor Randy Cook officiating. Burial will follow in the church cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to Nowling's Chapel Freewill Baptist Church.

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

Tribute Wall



Praying for Peace and comfort for the family during this time!! -The Harris Family

—Heidi Harris



So sorry to hear! Shirley was loved by everyone she met! She was such a sweet and caring person! You all are in my thoughts and prayers!

—Connie Farris



Shirley was the kindest mother-in-law and best Mimaw to her girls. We'll hold her in our heart always.

—Meaghan W



Prayers for the family, Shirley was amazing person, she always had a smile on her face and willingness to help anyone.

—Pat Simpson



Melvin and Family, So sorry to hear about your loss. You're in our prayers and thoughts. We pray God's Peace and Comfort on each of you through this sad time.

Prayers for your family,so sad to hear about Aunt Shirley,she was much loved and will be greatly missed

–Tracy Gentry McLean



–Anonymous