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Sylvia B. Neal

Jan. 30, 1951 - Nov. 7, 2026

Sylvia B. Neal, 75 of Morganton, NC passed away, Saturday, November 7, 2026. Born on January 30, 1951 in Burke County, she was the daughter of the late Gaither and Bertha Benfield. Sylvia retired after 26 years from the Department of Corrections. She is a member of FAM Church, formerly, First Assembly of God Morganton. Sylvia loved her cats. She also enjoyed cooking for family and canning vegetables from her garden. Sylvia was a two-time cancer survivor.

Sylvia is survived by her husband, Charles Wayne Neal; daughter, Amy Noel Yopp (Andy); son, Joshua Brian Neal (Tina).

The family will receive friends from 1:00pm until 2:30pm, Thursday, November 12, 2026 at FAM Church. A funeral will be held in the church at 2:30pm, with Pastor John White and Brother Austin Pugh officiating. Entombment will follow at Burke Memorial Park Mausoleum.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Youth at Solid Rock Baptist Church.

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

Tribute Wall

Dear Wayne and Family, I was so sorry to hear of Sylvia's passing. How well I remember her from when she worked for me at The Wig Gallery. I always loved Sylvia, and thought the world of her. May our precious Lord Jesus place His loving arms around you and comfort you. Love, Gary and Libby Miller

–Libby Miller

I was a classmate of Sylvia's. Went from grade 1-12 with her. We always thought it was so grand to live across the street from the football field. Bless her family at this time of loss.

–Katrina Anne Herman Avery

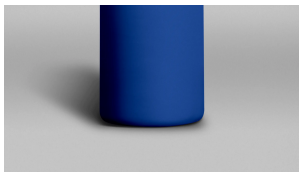


Mrs.Neal was a true friend that I thought the world of. When I had my shoulder surgery she brought me food several times. She really showed me what a great friend was. I loved working with her at WYI, and we visited each other outside of work too. My deepest condolences to her survivors cause they have truly lost a great person!! Go fly high "Neal"

–Alice Kelley



Sylvia was an officer on the medical floor at Western Youth Institute (high rise). She was professional but fun. I really



enjoyed working with her. I'm so sorry for your loss.

—Roxanne Baker

My mom was such a strong and godly lady. She was such a great role model. I love you Sylvia and will miss you.

—Amy Yopp



Sorry for your loss. God bless.

—Mack Mcclure

Wayne, Amy, and Josh, so sorry for your loss. May God bless and comfort you in the days ahead. Sending thoughts and prayers, Mendell & Camille Derreberry

—Mendell & Camille Derreberry

We are praying for you, Wayne and rejoicing with Silvia as she rests her hear on Jesus' chest. God has seen fit to give our Sister PEACE

—Jerry and Donna Neal



Growing up in NC, going to see Sylvia and Poppa Wayne was always a delight to see them. It's unfortunate to hear the passing of her. My condolences to Mom, Poppa Wayne, and Josh as I will pray for them for good health and hoping they will heal from the passing of Sylvia. Rest in paradise Sylvia and may your beautiful soul rest easy.

—Camden Spake



We love you Sylvia you were a strong wonderful woman.

–Tina Neal



I'm so sorry for your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with the family during this time.

–Kellie Icard



Bless you and your family. Sylvia was such a great lady.

–Sharon Aiken