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Velva Parrish

April 13, 1948 - Dec. 13, 2023

Velva Parrish, 75, of Morganton, NC, passed away Wednesday, December 13, 2023.

Born in Randolph County, NC on April 13, 1948, she is the daughter of the late Thomas Franklin Lambe and Velva Merline Culler Lambe.

Velva was a Christian. She enjoyed gardening and spending time with her grandchildren. The was an avid thrift shopper and an excellent cook. Velva was a loving mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, sister, and friend who will be missed by many.

Mrs. Parrish is survived by her children, Tracey Smith (Chad) and Christopher Parrish; grandchildren, Kirsten Payne, Lauren Smith, Kaden Miller, Skylar Ramsey, and Isaiah Ramsey; great-grandchildren, Solen and Fynlee Payne; siblings, Jean Moody (David) and Richard Lambe (Ruth); and a number of nieces and nephews.

In addition to her parents, Velva was preceded in death by her husband, Dallas Ray Parrish; brothers, Thomas and Larry Lambe; and grandson-in-law, Schylar Payne.

The family will receive friends from 3 to 4 p.m., Thursday, December 21, 2023 at Sossoman Funeral Home. The memorial service will follow at 4 p.m. in the Colonial Chapel of the funeral home.

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

Tribute Wall



You will be missed. You were an amazing person and iam glad I had the opportunity to get to meet you. You were like a mom to me I'll never forget all the conversations we had and I'll never forget all the laughs we Shared, iam gonna miss you so much. Thank you for being there for me. GONE BUT NEVER FORGOTTEN.LOVE YOU DEARLY.

–Tracy Talton

To the Parrish Family of Velva...She will be missed by all who knew her she was a true friend and sister..I thought of her as my sister because we shared so much thru the years..her daughter ..my son then the grandchildren and great-grandchildren..who loved her more than their parents at times..I know she will surely be missed by those babies ..I will always remember the twinkle in her eye and her laugh..I will always think of her as a sister that I loved dearly...chood

–Claudette B Hood

I will never forget the wonderful friends Ellie and I had in Ray and Velva in our North Carolina years, and that friendship lasted until Velva went to be with our Lord. We have never had dearer, closer friends than these two. I wish we could be there with you guys in this time of grief, and know that you are in our prayers.

–Dave DeVoll



Jean, Sorry for the family's loss. Keeping you all in my thoughts during this difficult time.

–Vicky Cox Blake



Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid. John 14:27 KJV

–Gerri Britt



–Jean Moody



There are no words except to say I will miss you always and love you to eternity

–Jean Moody