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Verlie Roper

Feb. 14, 1938 - March 24, 2024

Verlie Roper, 86, of Valdese, NC, died Sunday, March 24, 2024.

Born in Burke County, NC on February 14, 1938, she was the daughter of the late Jesse Lee Mull and Virgie Stewart Mull.

Verlie was a faithful member of Mt. Home Baptist Church. She enjoyed being in the sun.

Verlie was the most precious, kind-hearted, family-loving person. She loved her kids and grandkids more than anything; they were her world. She always had the sweetest smile and always welcomed you with a hug and a kiss. She was so special in so many ways to so many. All that knew her loved her.

Verlie is survived by the love of her life, her husband of 67 years, Claude Nelson Roper; children, Renee Harwood and Roxanne Webb (Bobby); grandchildren, Kenny Harwood, Kevin Harwood (Katie), Zachary Pritchard (Chelsey) and Drew Hunt; great-grandchildren, Candice Harwood, Chasady Harwood, Teagan Pritchard, and Pacen Pritchard; great-great-grandson, Abshur Hall; and a sister, Shirley Saunders (James).

In addition to her parents, Verlie was preceded in death by two granddaughters, Christy Harwood and Alyssa Hunt; two brothers; and eight sisters.

The family will receive friends from 1 to 2 p.m., Wednesday, March 27, 2024 at Mt. Home Baptist Church. The funeral will be held at 2 p.m. in the church with Rev. David Orders and Rev. Rocky Hartman officiating. Burial will follow in the church cemetery.

“Mom, we have always loved you with all our hearts. We will think of you every day until the day we see you face to face. You were always so good and sweet to all the people you met. Sending all our love until we see you again. Love you mom. Dad”

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

Tribute Wall

Just heard through a phone call from Claude about the passing of Verlie. What a dear, sweet and caring person. Always happy and smiling. We shared many good moments together through meals and times we spent with them on weekend visits after we moved to Mt. Airy. She was one of Marolyn's dearest friends and loved to bake her one of her delicious pound cakes. Always willing to listen and care about how you were doing. It was a blessing to know Claude and Verlie and their family, but also to know them as a brother and sister in Christ. May the love of God give the family comfort, peace and understanding during your time of mourning. Love you Claude, Renee, Roxann and family.

–Lee & Marolyn Marion



I don't know that there are enough words to describe the woman you were, the amount of love you gave, or even how kind your heart is. I can't thank you enough Mama for the memories, the laughs, the tears, all the nights I stayed over with you and Papa, the trips to the pool, every summer that we spent with you was one to remember. You are so missed…don't have enough words to describe that part either. You're not just missed by 1, or 10, or even 100. You're missed by each family member you loved, every church member you ever met, heck even the cashiers from grocery store probably miss you. You're missed by everyone. Please guide me throughout life and keep me safe. All of us. Be with Abshur at every race, cheering with

Shane, Mama Ruth and Papa Kennith. Watch all of us continue to make you proud.

—Candice Harwood

Claude, i am sorry for your loss .Verlie was a sweet and kind woman. You two were relationships that are desired by many people.She will be missed.

—TIM NORMAN

Verlie was one of the kindest/sweetest people I have ever met and what stands out to me is how much she loved her family. Those grandkids and great grandkids were her pride and joy. Prayers for your family

—Nicole Roper

You were my second mom, and you loved me lust like a mom. We had some good times ! Until I see you again!

—Kay Ford

To the family, you have my sincere condolences.. Momma Verlie was a wonderful person.

—Meri Owenby

no one could have said it better. What an amazing woman who always made you smile. I always said her and Claude were the cutest couple at church. She will always be in our memories and hearts.

—Judy moore

Verlie was one of the sweetest ladies in our family. She was dearly loved by all and raised a precious family. She will be greatly missed. Love you all.

—Todd Roper

—Todd Roper



—Anonymous

Aunt Verlie was one of the sweetest people I know. She always special to us and will be missed.You were blessed before but more so now..Love you,Pat & Wayne

—Pat Ramsey



Verlie and her family were a wonderful part of my childhood. She always welcomed anyone who came to visit. Her bright smile will be missed, but we all will be reunited again.

—Melanie Berry Byers

The first time I came to Mount Home was on a Wednesday, and we sat to the far left of the church. I fell in love with the kindness of your parents. Your dad waited until the Wednesday service was over, and he said “We don’t need to sit so far away. Don’t worry we don’t bite. That Sunday was so busy and I was so nervous, but your mom took my hand and said come sit near us. We did almost every Sunday or Wednesday. You have been blessed with a wonderful loving family. With all our love Michael and Cynthia

—Cynthia Statom



It was a blessing when I met your parents, they were kind and supportive when I was sad from my loss. Your mom always had mints. You are an amazing person, and you get all of it from your mom. Cynthia



—Michael and Cynthia Staton

CLAUDE I'm soooo sorry for your loss… for you & your family my dear old friend

—Jeff CHAPMAN



—Rickey Rhoney



Verlie was such a special lady. Always smiling, always willing to lend a helping hand. A true friend. You will be missed by so many, especially your precious family. Rest in the arms of our loving heavenly Father. My love and prayers to the family for peace and comfort. May you feel the presence of our loving God during this time. Judy Greer

—Judy Greer

Verlie Roper was one of the best neighbors we have ever had, her & Claude invited me in there house and I felt very welcome anytime. She loved the Lord with all her heart we talked about the Lord and sometime we would just have church right there in the house. So Claude, Roxanne, Renee and extended family trust in the Lord with all your heart may GOD bless you in this difficult time.

—Herb & Toni Dills

You were always so beautiful. As a neighbor for over 50 years I will miss seeing you outside watering your flowers and miss seeing you pass by. My deepest

sympathy to you Claude and all the kids and grandchildren. Love and prayers for all, Don @ Linda Berry

—Linda Rector Berry



We will miss seeing her sweet smile when she would be outside in her flower beds, or just outside watching over Claude. Together are were the best couple to look up to because they knew what TRUE LOVE & WHAT BEING MARRIED MEANT. I thank God that I had the privilege and pleasure of meeting and being friends with her. She will be missed by all. Love you till we meet again, and Mike & I will keep an eye on Claude for you.

—Mike & Lisa Widner



I have known Verlie all my life. She was a beautiful caring person. And it was a gift to have been part of her life. She will be missed by all, but she is bathed in warm glowing light now. Blessing to the family.

—Scott Berry