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Zenna Norman Poteat

Feb. 26, 1933 - March 30, 2023

Zenna Norman Poteat, 90, of Morganton, NC, went home to be with her God and her husband on Thursday, March 30, 2023.

Born in Burke County, NC on February 26, 1933, she was the daughter of the late John Dixon Norman and Martha Cordelia Watts Norman.

Zenna was a member of Mull's Grove Baptist Church for over 73 years where she taught Sunday school, was a children's church worker, served as secretary for the Sunday school, and was a choir member. She was a prayer warrior for many people. Mrs. Poteat ran an in-home daycare for many years where she shared her loved with many children. Zenna enjoyed crochet, feeding birds and squirrels, and working in her flowers. She was a devoted, Christian wife, mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother who loved her family and church.

Mrs. Poteat is survived by her children, Larry Poteat (Faye), Billy Poteat (Regenia), and Ruthie Roper (Randy); grandchildren, Joshua Poteat (Kerri), Matthew Poteat (Erica), Andrew Poteat (Stephanie), Thomas Andrews (Sharon), Daniel Andrews (girlfriend, Sydney), and Zack Roper (Laura); great-grandchildren, Maggie Poteat, Dawson Poteat, Bethany Rose Andrews, William Thomas Andrews, and Leo Roper; brother, Clyde Norman (Betty); and numerous nieces, nephews, and extended family.

In addition to her parents, Zenna was preceded in death by her husband, Robert Morris Poteat; and five sisters, Anne Burleson, Sudie Newton, Trudy Allman, Vergie Smith, and Nell Kimbrell.

The family will receive friends from 2:30 to 4 p.m., Saturday, April 1, 2023 at Mull's Grove Baptist Church. The funeral will be held at 4 p.m. in the church with Rev. Dean McCurry and Pastor Billy Poteat officiating. Burial will follow in the church cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to Mull's Grove Baptist Church, 5106 Burkemont Road, Morganton, NC 28655.

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

Tribute Wall

I remember she would always get us something every Christmas and her husband uncle Robert use to cut hair and she would always ask us if we wanted anything to eat and things like that just a wonderful woman she will be missed

—David Burleson

We are so sorry for your loss. We will keep your family in our thoughts and prayers. Keep the cherished memories that are dearest to you close in your heart. With sincere sympathy,

—Dean & Lib Allman



Zennie.. You will be missed by so many.. I was so lucky that you raised my daughter Heidi .. I never had to worry when I worked because I knew she was getting excellent care. Heidi is now Principal at Salem Elementary. We all love you and your precious family are in our thoughts and prayers.

—Rhonda Robinson



We are sadden by the news of your mom's passing but rejoicing with you in the hope of salvation through our blessed Savior in heaven where you will join her in a happy reunion. We love you and will hold you in our thoughts and prayers as you learn to live here now without her. God give

you comfort and peace.

—Benny & Barbara Childers