



Bessie Epley Pritchard

Dec. 19, 1930 - April 16, 2024

Bessie Epley Pritchard, 93, of Morganton, NC, answered the call of the Lord on Tuesday, April 16, 2024 while surrounded by her family.

Born in Burke County, NC on December 19, 1930, she was the daughter of the late Walter Epley and Ida Moses Epley. Bessie was a loyal member of McDowell Independent Presbyterian Church. She was more caring, generous, and open-hearted than any other woman could be. She was deeply loved by all who knew her and will be dearly missed. "Until we meet again, sweet Ninny."

Those left to cherish her memory include her daughter, Sheila Bumgarner (Robert); grandchildren, Chris Bumgarner (Regina), Scott Bumgarner (Shenia), Rodney Bumgarner (Dawn), and Robin Smith (Jason); great-grandchildren, Wesley Bumgarner, Sara Pearson, Haley Shelton, Sam Bumgarner, Kelsey Edgerton, and Jacob Smith; and great-great-grandchildren, Aspen Bumgarner, Holley Pearson, Ashley Edgerton, Waylon Shelton, Lennox Bumgarner, and Lawson Shelton.

In addition to her parents, Bessie was preceded in death by her beloved husband of 56 years, Lloyd Samuel Pritchard.

The family will receive friends from 12 to 1 p.m., Friday, April 19, 2024 at McDowell Independent Presbyterian Church. The funeral will be held at 1 p.m. in the church with

Independent Presbyterian Church. The funeral will be held at 1 p.m. in the church with Rev. Dennis Carswell officiating. Burial will follow in Burke Memorial Park.

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

Tribute Wall



So sorry for the loss of your beloved Mother Grandmother and great grandmother .So much family history and knowledge. Beck was always always good to me Loved her she was a sweetheart

—Beverly McMahon Greene

Ninny you will be greatly missed, I will never forget all our sweet memories together. You we're the kindest person. You will always be in my heart until we meet again. - your love love.

—Sara



My sincerest condolences to your family and friends ! God be with you and help you to grieve and get through this difficult time.

—Dallas

Bessie was truly such a a sweetheart. Always so kind. Heaven definitely has a new angel. May she rest peacefully in our Father's arms...til we meet again. Lifting prayers for her daughter Shelia and All her family. Sending love and hugs to each of you.

—Mary Gates

My heart and prayers goes out to all of you. She will never be forgotten. Her kindness, her smile and her love for Jesus and her family and her delicious coconut cake will always be remembered. Sweet sweet lady.

—Ellen Dye

Ninny, I love you. I'm going to miss you. This is not goodbye but see you later.

—Robin Smith



Ninny Dude, you will be greatly missed. You will be in my heart until I get to see you again. Thank you for all the love you gave me and my family.

—Shenia Bumgarner



This beautiful lady was the sweetest woman I will miss and love you ninny

—Kelsey