

OBITUARIES

ESTELLE BELTON

Estelle Greenwood Belton (Lillian Estelle), age 93, of Mount Airy, North Carolina, passed away peacefully at the Joan and Howard Woltz Hospice Home in Dobson, North Carolina, on Wednesday, August 2, 2017. Mrs. Belton was born in Surry County on April 27, 1924, to the late Joseph Gordon and Martha Frances King Greenwood. She was preceded in death by her husband, Clarence Conway Belton who died October 5, 1986. In her younger years, Mrs. Belton proudly worked at the original downtown Belk Department Store in Mount Airy. Following World War II, she worked with her husband as the bookkeeper in their family owned business, Temple Esso, which was located on Market Street and later Belton's Gulf on North Main Street. She was a lifetime and faithful member of Central United Methodist Church in Mount Airy. In her adult years, Mrs. Belton was an active member of the Ross Francisco Sunday School Class, co-chairman of the CUMC Bereavement Committee and recipient of a life-time membership award in United Methodist Women. For years she lovingly made sure that all of the CUMC shut-ins were remembered with a box of Russell Stover Chocolates at Christmas. She was a faithful servant of the Lord and truly cared about her church family even through her declining years. As a proud graduate of the Mount Airy High School Class of 1941, Mrs. Belton played a key role in helping plan her class reunions throughout the years. For her dedicated efforts in keeping up and communicating with all of their classmates, the class of 1941 surprised Estelle with a "This is Your Life" awards dinner and program at Cross Creek Country Club at her 50th reunion. Mrs. Belton also was an active member of the American Legion Auxiliary, VFW (Veterans Foreign War) and Mount Airy Woman's Club. She is survived by her son, Benjamin Gordon Belton and daughter-in-law, Elizabeth Phifer Belton of Morganton, NC; granddaughters Jaime Belton Norket (Jim) of Greenville, SC, Heather Elizabeth Belton of Hickory, NC, and Catherine Belton Hogan (Jon) of Davidson, NC;



five great-grandchildren, Jordan Morettie of Hickory, NC, Tanner Matheson of Greenville, SC, Brittney Matheson of Greenville, SC, Brianna Matheson of Greenville, SC, and Ward Hogan of Davidson, NC; her dear sister, Eleanor Greenwood Powell-Hines (Clarence) of Mount Airy and special sister-in-law, Joyce Greenwood of Winston-Salem; and a host of nieces and nephews and great-nieces and nephews who loved their "Aunt EE". In addition to her parents and husband, Mrs. Belton was preceded in death by her older brother and sister-in-law, Wayne and Sarah Greenwood; her younger brother, Jack Greenwood; her brother-in-law, Pete Powell; her nephews, Todd Greenwood and John Haynes; her niece, Judi Kiser Greenwood; her brother-in-law and sister-in law, John Bill and Catherine Haynes. The "Celebration of her Life" will be conducted by the Rev. Mark Muckler at Central United Methodist Church in Mount Airy at 2 p.m. on Saturday, August 5. Burial will follow at Oakdale Cemetery. The family will receive friends prior to the service from 1 p.m. – 1:45 p.m. in the church parlor. Her body will lie in state in the sanctuary one hour prior to the service. Moody Funeral Services in Mount Airy is serving the family. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Central United Methodist Church, 1909 North Main Street, Mount Airy, NC 27030; Mountain Valley Hospice, 401 Technology Lane, Suite 200, Mount Airy, NC 27030 or to the Joan and Howard Woltz Hospice Home, 945 Zephyr Road, Dobson, NC 27017. A special thank you from the family of Estelle Belton to the staff at Ridgecrest Assisted Living for the love and care she received the past sixteen years. Words cannot express the appreciation for the compassion and care provided to our Mother and Aunt by the Mountain Valley Hospice Teams. She was truly blessed by a group of "angels" who helped make her transition to heaven comfortable with peace, love and compassion. Moody Funeral Services of Mount Airy is serving the Belton family. Online condolences may be made at www.moodyfuneralservices.com.