

CHRISTINE SHELTON

Eva Christine Mills Shelton passed away on April 3, 2018. Eva Christine Mills Shelton was born on Christmas Eve 1924, in Ararat, North Carolina. She was the third daughter of the late Ellis W. and Stella Ann Forkner Mills, descendants of early Quakers who settled in Surry County. Her Quaker heritage greatly influenced her life of commitment to God and fellow man. Christine attended school in Pilot Mountain. She was talented in music, voice and dance. She attended Draughns Business College in Winston-Salem, and later became employed as an executive assistant at the North Carolina Granite Company, where she worked

for many years. Christine met Wallace Shelton, well-known coach and athletic director, at the Playhouse in Mount Airy. They were married in 1949 and made their home in Mount Airy. Christine joined Wallace as a member of the Mount Airy First Baptist Church and they both served in a number of positions over the years. Christine was exuberant and gracious to all. She became the unofficial ambassador for Mount Airy, extolling the virtues of the small town wherever she went. She was a life-long gardener, sharing her plants and knowledge with everyone. She was a writer of stories and remi-



niscences and poetry for family and friends. In addition to her parents Christine was pre-deceased by her husband Wallace Shelton; sisters, Edith Mills Proctor and Phyllis

Mills Reeves and a brother, Robert (Bob) Mills. She is survived by her sister; Joyce Mills Robertson, and her sister-in-law, Jackie Sams Mills, and several nieces and nephews and also great nieces and nephews. The family is greatly appreciative of the loving companionship and assistance provided to Christine over the years by Geneva, Jean, Evelyn, Norma, Kim, Cellie and Ashley. A service will be held in Christine's honor

on Friday, April 6, 2018, at 11 a.m. at the First Baptist Church of Mount Airy with services conducted by Dr. Jay Meadows. The family will receive friends from 10 a.m. until time for the service in the fireside room of the church. Burial will follow in Oakdale Cemetery. Flowers will be accepted or memorial contributions may be made to the Scholarship Fund Established by Wallace and Christine Shelton at Surry Community College, SCC Foundation, P.O. Box 304, Dobson, NC 27017 or to Mount Airy First Baptist Church, 714 N Main St., Mount Airy, NC 27030. Online condolences may be made at www.moodyfuneralservices.com.