



FOREVER IN OUR HEARTS

Lauretta Simmons Whaley

MAY 10, 1942 - JANUARY 19, 2026



Funeral Service

2 p.m., Friday, January 23, 2026
Munden Funeral Home, Morehead City, NC
Officiated by Pastor Melanie Whaley

PROCESSIONAL

GREETING

“WE’VE ONLY JUST BEGUN”
Recording by The Carpenters

OPENING PRAYER

SCRIPTURE READING PSALM 23

“MAMA’S KNEES”
Recording by The Blythe Family

MATTHEW 25:31-40

HOMILY

WITNESS BY FAMILY

“AMAZING GRACE”
Recording by Carrie Underwood

THE LORD’S PRAYER

COMMITTAL

BENEDICTION

Lauretta will be laid to rest privately at Amariah Garner Cemetery.

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Lauretta Simmons Whaley, 83, of Morganton, formerly of Newport, NC, went home to be with the Lord, on Monday, January 19, 2026, at The Berkeley in Morganton.

Born on May 10, 1942, Lauretta was the beloved wife of the late Bobby Whaley and daughter of Henry Harold Simmons and Julia Kelly Simmons, who preceded her in death.

Lauretta's greatest joy was her family—and not just the one she was born into, but every person who crossed her path. She had a remarkable way of making everyone feel like family, whether lifelong friends or complete strangers. Her door was always open, her kitchen always stocked, and no one ever left her presence without feeling welcomed, fed, and loved.

She was a caring mother to her son, Wayne Whaley (Melanie), and her daughter, Kelly Whaley (Allard), and a proud grandmother to Christopher and Stephanie Whaley, who brought immense happiness to her life. Lauretta is also remembered by her siblings, Larry Simmons, Rachel Wolf, Rita Mottern, Jessie Harrington, and Ann Ray, along with many extended family members and friends whose lives were touched by her kindness and hospitality.

In addition to her husband and parents, Lauretta was preceded in death by her brothers, Horace Simmons, Neal Simmons, Dick Simmons, Gaston Simmons, William (Billy) Simmons, and her sister, Rose Raines.

Lauretta will be remembered for her open heart, her generous spirit, and the way she made everyone feel at home. She leaves behind a legacy of love, generosity, and quiet strength.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that memorial contributions be made to the Alzheimer's Association (www.ALZ.org) or to a local charity of the donor's choosing, in her memory. You can also contribute through her tribute page: <https://events.alz.org/fundraisers/waynewhaley/in-memory-of-lauretta-s-whaley>

Family and friends are welcome to submit online condolences at www.mundenfuneralhome.net.



A MOTHER'S Love

A mother's love is never gone,
It lingers soft in heart and mind.
In quiet moments, in gentle ways,
Her care and warmth we still will find.

She taught us strength, she showed us grace,
With open arms and patient heart.
Though now we walk a different road,
Her love and ours will never part.

In every smile, in every tear,
In lessons learned and words once said,
She lives on still, so close, so near,
In all the love she always spread.

So we do not say goodbye today,
But thank you for the life you gave.
Your love remains, our guiding light,
Beyond this world, beyond the grave.



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