



Frances Steele Ballard

October 23, 1933 - December 28, 2024

Frances Steele Ballard of Mount Ulla, North Carolina, passed away on December 28, 2024, at the age of 91. Frances was born on October 23, 1933, and grew up in Rowan County, where her parents owned and operated Steele Feed and Seed. Frances married Bill Ray Ballard in historic Thyatira Presbyterian Church, and moved to the Charlotte area where she devoted her life to her family. While in Charlotte, Frances worked for the Charlotte Mecklenburg Schools in the administrative office of Olympic High School, and was a member of Central Steel Creek Presbyterian for 43 years. Frances and Bill returned 'home' to Mount Ulla in 2001, where Frances was a member of Back Creek Church.

Frances is preceded in death by her husband, Bill Ray Ballard; son, David William Ballard; her parents, Robert Lee and Margaret Hall Steele; sisters, Mary Ida Steele Mathis, Irene Steele Weaver; brother, Robert 'Hall' Steele; niece, Myra Mathis Rand, and nephew, John Ridley Steele.

Frances is survived by her daughter, Lynda Ballard (Michael McGaha) of Wilmington; nephews, Elliott Mathis, Joe Frank Mathis, and Robert Vann Steele; niece Mary Margaret Steele; and many great-nieces and nephews, including namesake, Frances Rand, of Davidson, NC.

The family thankfully acknowledges the services of Arbor Landing Assisted Living, and the loving care given by the staff of Interim HealthCare of

Wilmington. A memorial service will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, January 18, 2025, at Back Creek Presbyterian Church, Mount Ulla, NC. In lieu of flowers, please direct memorials to Hospice of Iredell County in Statesville, NC.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

JAN 18. 11:00 AM (ET)

Back Creek Presbyterian Church
2145 Back Creek Church Road
2180 Back Creek Church Road
Mount Ulla, NC 28125