



Mary Retha Stevenson Chapman

November 12, 1921 - May 4, 2015

Mary Retha Stevenson Chapman, 93, of Mooresville, passed away on Monday, May 4, 2015, at Genesis Eldercare in Mooresville. Retha is now doing what she has longed to do for so many years—she is dancing in Heaven. She leaves a huge hole in the lives and hearts of her family and friends, yet they are all rejoicing for her. She regularly said, "Oh, when I get there I am going to cut a shine! I am going to see Jesus first, then Don, Mommie and Poppie..." and would then continue naming her 8 siblings and the many friends she has buried. She is now reunited with them all.

Mrs. Chapman was born on November 12, 1921, in Jewell Ridge, VA, to the late James Robert and Francis McGraw Stevenson. She was a member of the Mooresville First Assembly Church. Her family and friends consider her one of the most loving, forgiving, and faithful women they have known. She loved everyone unconditionally. She cared for countless loved ones and taught them all about the love of Jesus. "Maw" obsessively kept a spotless house, and could always be counted on to feed you, tell you a story, pray for you and with you, and on occasion totally ruin the punch line on a rather dirty joke. She was always smiling and always maintained a great sense of humor, even when confined to her bed.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Robert M. Chapman and son, Don Chapman.

She is survived by her brother, Robert Stevenson of Saltville, VA; grandson, Brendon Chapman and wife, Shawn and their children, Aaron, David, Tara and Andrew, all of Mooresville; grandson, Will Chapman and wife, Cyndie and their children, Kalyn and Don; great-great grandson, Everett all of Catawba; granddaughter, Emily Valenti and husband, Joe and their children, Gabriel, Johnny, and Elli all of Mooresville; grandson, John Chapman of Hillsville, VA; nephew, Bobby Stevenson of Cornelius, NC; daughters-in-law, Bonnie Chapman and Brenda Clarke (Sonny Rodriguez); and the many loved ones who affectionately knew her as "Maw".

Funeral services will be held at 4:00 PM on Saturday, May 9, 2015, at Cavin-Cook Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. Shane Crisp officiating. Burial will follow the service at Iredell Memorial Park in Statesville. The family will receive friends prior to the service from 3:00-4:00 PM at the funeral home.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to onespecialchristmas.com.

Tribute Wall



“ *Mary Retha Stevenson Chapman*

February 14, 2021 at 11:24 AM



“ *Mary Retha Stevenson Chapman*

February 14, 2021 at 11:04 AM



“ *Mary Retha Stevenson Chapman*

February 14, 2021 at 11:03 AM



“ *Brendon, Will, and Emily I know that the loss of someone so close is difficult to bear. I share your grief. You and your families are in my thoughts and prayers.*

Linda Stevenson - May 06, 2015 at 12:00 AM



“ *Em & family she was a great lady. She will be missed. Thanks Retha for being my friend!*

Avis Laseter - May 05, 2015 at 12:00 AM



“ *Retha, You were a mother to me and Zane. Love you more Than you Know, have joy in our Lord Jesus! I will Rejoice with you one day soon!*

Dale Stevenson - May 05, 2015 at 12:00 AM

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“ *Our sincere sympathy to the family. We didn't have the privilege of knowing Mrs. Chapman but she sounds like a wonderful person.* ”

Leon & Carol Greeno - May 05, 2015 at 12:00 AM