



Clara Dickerhoff Cole

September 28, 1942 - January 15, 2021

Clara Elaine Cole, 78, of Charlotte, died on Friday, January 15, 2021, at the Royal Park Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in Matthews, North Carolina.

Clara was born in Maryland on September 28, 1942, the daughter of Clyde and Blanche Dickerhoff. Her family moved to Florida and she grew up there and graduated from Forest Lake Academy in Apopka, Florida. She married William Charles Cole and he preceded her in death in 1993. The wife of an Air Force veteran, primarily living in Fort Worth, Texas. She is a member of the Sharon Seventh-Day Adventist Church where she had been a member since 1979, when the family moved to Charlotte after Bill retired from the Air Force. Clara and Bill were blessed with 2 children: Carolyn and Brenda, and Clara enjoyed being a full time mother to their family. In addition to being a full time mother, Clara enjoyed spending time outside, especially at the beach, and watching birds. Most of all, Clara loved spending time with family and friends.

Clara is survived by her daughter: Carolyn Sides of Osage, Missouri; a daughter Brenda (husband James) Atkinson of Clover, SC; grandchildren: Amber Sides Gomez, Oliver Kasell and Andy Kasell; a brother, Dallas (wife Myrna) Dickerhoff of Deland, Florida; and a longtime companion, Earl Pruitt of Charlotte. Clara is further survived by numerous other relatives and friends. In addition to her husband, Clara was preceded in death by her parents.

Due to COVID and social distancing restrictions, the services for Clara will be held in Florida at a later date. To be automatically alerted to this update, please select the "MORE" tab above and then select "Subscribe to Updates"

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“ *Clara Dickerhoff Cole*

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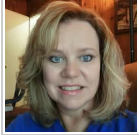
“ *My mother always wanted to give good advice to her daughters. She found the perfect song that she told us was just for us: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RV-Z1YwaOiw> Lee Ann Womack's "I Hope You Dance." I can't listen to it without remembering my sweet mom.*

Brenda Atkinson - February 14, 2021 at 10:41 PM



“ *My favorite memory of my grandmother was when I was sad I would put my head in her lap and she would stroke my hair and just not say a thing she would just tell me she loves me*

Amber Sides - January 20, 2021 at 11:43 AM



“ When I was a teenager, Mama used to go out with me, Carolyn, and my friend Jeri to go eat pizza at Pizza Hut. She loved it because she felt like one of the girls when she was with us. We played the juke box, and one of her favorite songs was by Robert Plant, "Bad Case of Loving You." <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jQdaSpEeBvQ> She would dance in her seat, just like one of us teenagers! What fun we all had!

Brenda Atkinson - January 20, 2021 at 11:03 AM

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“ My favorite memory of Aunt Clara was one year when we were coloring Easter eggs at Dallas's house, Clara came out of the bathroom and commented on the special towels hanging up. She said they were so sparkly! As it turns out, the sparkly part was from people cleaning Easter egg glitter off their hands! We had the biggest laugh that day! Such a fun memory! 💕💕

Susie Krummenacker - January 19, 2021 at 05:38 PM