



Dr. Merrell Jenkins Riddle (1933-2023)

Merrell Jenkins Riddle, age 89, of Old Fort, died Sunday, June 11, 2023, in Hendersonville, N.C. Merrell was born the daughter of the late R. Norman Jenkins and Lynne Marlowe Jenkins on November 5, 1933 in Swain County, N.C.

Along with her parents, Merrell is preceded in death by an infant brother, Robert Jenkins and a daughter, Susan Riddle Higgins.

Those left behind to cherish Merrell's memory include her spouse, Dr. Winston A. Riddle; three sons Alan Riddle, Bob Riddle and wife Elizabeth of Old Fort; Mike Riddle and wife Robin of Charlotte; son-in-law Doug Higgins and wife Michelle of Milton, Ga.; grandchildren Jodi Ford; Jamie, Justin and Katelyn Riddle; Matt and Ashley Higgins; step-grandchildren Brittany, Chris, Kendall and Cailyn Tilley; brother Doug Jenkins and wife Frances of Old Fort; sisters Betty Lindley and husband Clark of Old Fort, and Judy Camp and husband Ron of Spartanburg, S.C.; sister-in-law Joyce Myers and husband Charles of Hendersonville, N.C.; many nieces and nephews, and a multitude of cousins.

The family will receive friends from 2 to 3 p.m. on Saturday, June 17, 2023, at the First Baptist Church in Old Fort. Funeral services will follow at 3 p.m. with Pastor Drew Dalton officiating. Interment will take place in Mountain View Memorial Park in Black Mountain.

The family suggests memorials be made to the Susan Riddle Higgins Scholarship Fund, Western Carolina University Foundation, 201 H.F. Robinson Building, Cullowhee, NC 28723 or a charity of your choosing.

On-line condolences, a memorial video, and additional obituary information can be found at www.kirkseyfh.com

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