



## Nellie Ruth Hovater

September 25, 1941 - March 23, 2022

Nellie Ruth Hovater, age 80, of Spruce Pine, passed away on Wednesday, March 23, 2022 surrounded by her family.

Ruth was retired from H.D. Lee. She was a loving wife, mother, and grandmother. One of her granddaughters remembers the fun times spent with Mamaw Ruth and says having her as a grandmother was a true blessing. She was a beautiful, amazing woman who never had anything bad to say about anyone or anything.

She leaves to cherish her memory, her husband of 60 years, Freddy Hovater; children, Penny Hovater Washington (Sammie), Chuck Hovater (Rita Wright); grandchildren, Rachel Pickett, Meagan Williamson, Amber Doty, Kala Hovater; 8 great-grandchildren; sister, Mildred Caudle; brothers, Glen Witt, Paul Witt, Larry Witt; and several nieces and nephews.

She is preceded in death by her parents, Dearl & Zelia Louise (Purvis) Witt; and two brothers, James & Carl Witt.

The visitation will be 1:30 - 3:00 p.m. Sunday, March 27, 2022 at Spry Memorial Chapel. The funeral will follow at 3:00 p.m. in the chapel with Bro. James McCullar officiating the service. Burial will be at Gravel Hill Cemetery in the Mt. Star Community.

The pallbearers will be the family and friends.

The family would like to extend a heartfelt thanks to the nurses and staff of Shoals Hospice for the love and care shown during this time.

Spry Memorial Chapel assisted the family. To have us sign the book for you,

please free to call or to leave private condolences, please visit our website at [www.sprymemorialchapel.com](http://www.sprymemorialchapel.com).