



Lula Belle Slade

August 13, 1938 - March 18, 2026

Lula Belle Slade, 87, of 3501 US Hwy 158 East, Yanceyville, NC, went home to be with the Lord on March 18, 2026.

She was born in Danville, VA on August 13, 1938, a daughter of the late Jim Henry Lunsford and the late Myrtle Simmons Lunsford. Lula Belle was a graduate of the Class of 1956 at Bartlett Yancey High School. She spent her life in Caswell County where she owned and operated Lou Slade Accounting, faithfully serving her community by preparing taxes for over 50 years.

A woman of many talents and fearless determination, Lula Belle made history as the first female firefighter in Caswell County. She was a proud member of the Leasburg Volunteer Fire Department, serving as a First Responder with dedication and courage. Whether answering emergency calls or helping neighbors in need, she was always someone her community could count on.

Lula Belle was also a member of the Society of Accountants and the Gold Wing Motorcycle Club, where she enjoyed the open road and the friendships she made along the way. She lived life with a spirit of independence, proving that you could balance books during the week and enjoy the freedom of the highway whenever the opportunity arose.

She was known for her quick wit and wonderful sense of humor, always ready

with a remark that could make others smile even in stressful moments. Lula Belle especially loved bringing her family together, often hosting holidays at her home where everyone felt welcome. At Christmastime, she was known to go the extra mile by dressing up as Santa Claus, delighting her family and creating memories that will be cherished for generations.

She was a very active member of Pleasant Grove Presbyterian Church, where she faithfully served as an Elder and was deeply devoted to her church family.

Lula Belle is survived by one daughter, Shelia Slade of Yanceyville, NC; two grandchildren, Samantha Avedesian (Jonathan) and Ethan Slade (Skylar); and four great-grandchildren, Roman Avedesian, Titan Avedesian, Arman Avedesian, and Cannan Avedesian; her sister, Elaine Briggs of Yanceyville, NC; former daughter-in-law, Melissa Buchanan Smith (Don); and special nieces and nephew, Hannah Thompson, Hunter Thompson (Shawnee; son Ryder) and Rhonda Thompson.

In addition to her parents, she was predeceased by her husband, Ralph E. Slade in 1995; her son, Al Slade; and six siblings.

A Funeral Service for Lula Belle will be held at Pleasant Grove Presbyterian Church, 85 Pleasant Grove Church Road, Yanceyville, NC, on Sunday, March 22, 2026 at 3:00 pm with Reverend Steve Jordan officiating. The family will receive friends at 1:30 pm prior to the service at the church.

Wrenn-Yeatts Yanceyville is respectfully serving the Slade family.

For those who have asked about ways to support the family during this time, a GoFundMe has been established to assist with funeral expenses. Any kindness shown is deeply appreciated, as are your thoughts, prayers, and presence.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 22. 1:30 PM - 2:45 PM (ET)

Pleasant Grove Presbyterian Church
85 Pleasant Grove Church Rd
Yanceyville, NC 27379-9484

Funeral Service

MAR 22. 3:00 PM (ET)

Pleasant Grove Presbyterian Church
85 Pleasant Grove Church Rd
Yanceyville, NC

Burial

MAR 22 (ET)

Pleasant Grove Presbyterian Church Cemetery
85 Pleasant Grove Church Road
Yanceyville, VA 27379

Tribute Wall



“ *Wrenn-Yeatts Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Lula Belle Slade*



Wrenn-Yeatts Funeral Homes - March 21 at 01:20 PM

DD

“ *So sorry to learn of Lula Belle passing. We live in the Yanceyville area in the early 1960's and during that time, our family was very close to the Slade family*
Danny Danieley

Dan Danieley - March 27 at 01:40 PM

MS

“ *Prayers & condolences to Lula Belle's family! She was larger than life & always ready to lend a helping hand to a person in need. We knew her through county first responder training.*
Melissa & Tim Smith

Melissa Smith - March 23 at 10:54 AM

MP

“ *Sheila, so sorry to hear about the passing of your mother. May she rest in peace.* ”



Mary Ann Pickrell - March 22 at 07:05 PM

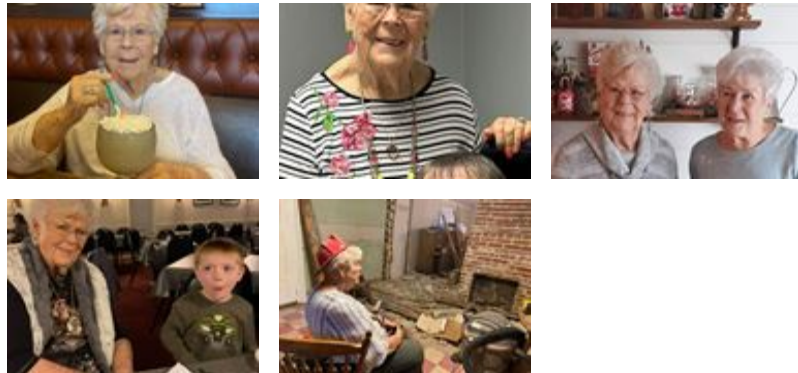
BH

“ *My love and prayers for Sheila, Elaine and all of Lou's family. She was a special lady in my life for many years as a friend and our accountant.* ”

Brenda Hurdle - March 22 at 06:31 PM



“ *133 files added to the album LifeTributes* ”



Wrenn-Yeatts Funeral Homes - March 21 at 12:35 PM

KD

“ I am so sorry for Lou's passing. I pray that Sheila and the family will be comforted at this difficult time. I first knew Lou as a child. In elementary school, on field day, she would come and provide the best cookies, candy and other special things. I later worked with her as an EMT and ran many ambulance calls with her. When my second child, Ashley, was born premature and had to go to Bowman Grey NICU, Lou reached in her pocket and gave me \$300.00 so I could stay in a Motel to be close to her. She did my taxes for over 40 years and was a fine accountant. She always had a smile, even when things were tough for her and her wit and humor was a trademark of her personality. I loved Lou like second mom and I know so many other feel that way about her too. May God Bless her soul and I am sure she is so happy to be reunited with Ralph, Al and all her Loved ones.

Ken DARNELL - March 20 at 01:33 PM

LS

“ Love, Monty, Daisy, and Kristopher Slade purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Lula Belle Slade.



Love, Monty, Daisy, and Kristopher Slade - March 20 at 11:53 AM

LS

“ Love, Monty, Daisy, and Kristopher Slade planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Lula Belle Slade.

Love, Monty, Daisy, and Kristopher Slade - March 20 at 11:53 AM

AW

“ I wish to offer my deepest heartfelt sympathy to the family. As you reminisce about the beautiful memories you've made with your beloved Lula Belle, I pray your tears of sorrow will give way to giggles of gratitude. What true blessing to have had Lu for 87 well-lived years of friendship, dedication, hard work, wicked humor, and absolute fun. Lu was one of a kind and I feel fortunate to have shared conversations & laughter with her. She will definitely be missed by many and will never be forgotten. 🕊️ May Lula Belle Slade Now Rest In Peacefully In The Arm Of The Lord 🕊️



Alexia K Watlington - March 20 at 12:09 AM

CD

“ 1 file added to the album memories



Carl Drew - March 19 at 10:04 PM

PR

“ Oh Sheila, so sorry to hear of the death of our dear friend! She was a trooper and loved helping others. County Outreach Ministry loved her and appreciated her support. Our love and prayers are always with you.

Paul and Alice Robinson - March 19 at 07:36 PM

TF

“ *The Hawkins Family purchased the Blue Caribbe an Bouquet for the family of Lula Belle Slade.*



The Hawkins Family - March 19 at 06:55 PM

HW

“ *Sheila and family.
We are so sorry for your loss. Your mom was the sweetest lady, loved her. Keeping you and your family in our prayers during this difficult time.
Harold and Judy Williamson*



Harold and Judy Williamson - March 19 at 06:42 PM

CH

“ *Cassandra on behalf of Liberty Hospice purchased the Pink Tribute Spray for the family of Lula Belle Slade.*



Cassandra on behalf of Liberty Hospice - March 19 at 06:01 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Lula Belle Slade.*



March 19 at 05:38 PM