



Alva Goodman Sells

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Alva Goodman Sells, 88, of Gold Hill, North Carolina, passed away peacefully at her home on Sunday, September 14, 2025.

A funeral service to celebrate Alva's life will be held at 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, September 17, 2025, at Matton's Grove Methodist Church (24732 Matton's Grove Church Rd., Gold Hill, NC), officiated by Rev. Martha Hayes. Burial will follow in the church cemetery. The family will receive friends at the church from 3:00 to 4:45 p.m. prior to the service.

Born on February 28, 1937, in Stanly County, Alva was the daughter of the late Leland and Nora Goodman. She was preceded in death by her beloved husband of 57 years, Robert Lewis Sells (2014); her brothers, Spencer Goodman and Bud Goodman; and her sisters, Carrie Mae Wood, Ann Robinson, and Melvene Koontz.

Alva is lovingly survived by her children, Wes Sells (Tracie), Kelley Huff (David), and Robin Rogers (Tommy), all of Richfield, NC; grandchildren, Lauren Holland, Amanda Adkins, Matt Huff, Katie Huff, Jonah Rogers, Jordan Sells, Jenna Stevens, and Carson Sells; and great-grandchildren, Barringer, Bennett, Asher, Chesney, Wesley, Beasley, Rhett, and Hayes.

A 1955 graduate of Richfield High School and the Charlotte Memorial Hospital School of Nursing, Alva dedicated her career to caring for others. She started her career at Stanly County Hospital, then onto work with Dr. Brunson and finished her career at Wiscassett Mills, retiring in 1987.

Faith and service were central to Alva's life. An active member of Matton's Grove Methodist Church, she volunteered with the American Red Cross for over 30 years and served with Stanly County Habitat for Humanity. In 1994, she was honored as Stanly County Woman of the Year.



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Affectionately known by her family as Nana, her commitment to be there for her grandchildren was unmatched. It was a rare occasion if Nana wasn't in the stands at not only sporting events, but graduations, quiz bowls, and recitals. Truly, if it was important to one of the grandchildren, it was important to her.

Alva will be remembered for her unwavering kindness, her dedication to family, and her servant's heart.

In lieu of flowers, memorials can be made to the American Red Cross (redcross.org) or Matton's Grove Methodist Church (24732 Matton Grove Church Rd, Gold Hill, NC 28071)

Stanly Funeral & Cremation Care of Albemarle is serving the Sells family.

Alva's compassion extended across the globe through the countless baby blankets she lovingly crafted and shared with families worldwide, if you ever received one of these precious gifts, please bring to the service.



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Visitation

 **Wednesday**, September 17, 2025

 3:00 PM - 4:45 PM ET


 **Matton's Grove Methodist Church**
24732 Matton Grove Church Rd., Gold Hill NC
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Funeral Service


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Cemetery Details

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Cemita Gibbs posted:

So sorry for your loss. My first encounter with Ms. Alva was when i started at Stanly County Habitat for Humanity over 21 years ago. She and Bob were the faithful volunteers that always walked the rafters and put on the roofing for the Habitat homes. What an inspiration they were in the beginning and until the end with their servant hearts and loving spirit. My thoughts and prayers are with the family.

September 17 at 7:37 AM



Holland Family sent an Arrive in Style to the Sells family.



September 17 at 7:13 AM



Josh , Tonya, Kash & Elaina sent a Divine Peace Bouquet to the Sells family.



September 17 at 6:28 AM



Karen Hornback lit a candle in honor of Alva.

I am so sorry to hear about Ms. Sells passing. My thoughts and prayers are with the family.



September 16 at 6:15 PM



Anonymous planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Alva.



September 16 at 3:24 PM



Anonymous sent a Peaceful White Lilies Basket to the Sells family.



September 16 at 11:44 AM



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Anonymous planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Alva.

September 16 at 11:44 AM



Anonymous sent a Small Garden Dish to the Sells family.

September 16 at 10:58 AM



Anonymous sent a Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum to the Sells family.

September 16 at 10:25 AM



Anonymous planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Alva.

September 16 at 10:25 AM



TA

Tammy posted:

Sorry to hear of this Wes! Prayers for family and friends! Hugs... Tammy Sasser

September 16 at 7:30 AM



LK

Laila Mcquade And Eugene Kiselev sent a Peaceful White Lilies Basket to the Sells family.

September 16 at 6:13 AM





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Laila Mcquade And Eugene Kiselev planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Alva.



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Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Alva by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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