



## Carol Kay Pope

September 12, 1948 - January 28, 2022

Carol Kay Pope, 73, of Salisbury passed away peacefully on Friday, January 28, 2022 at the Glenn A Kiser Hospice House in Salisbury after a courageous seven-year battle with multiple myeloma. Carol was a wonderful person and will be greatly missed by her family and friends. She had an infectious personality that always made the people around her smile.

Born on September 12, 1948, she was the daughter of Ivan Hoyt Pope, Sr. and Narvis Klutz Pope. She was a 1966 graduate of West Rowan High School and a graduate of Salisbury Business College. Carol worked first at Celanese and then spent many enjoyable years working in the labs at Proctor Chemical and later National Starch where she formed lasting friendships with her coworkers.

In addition to her parents, she was also preceded in death by her brother, Ivan Hoyt Pope, Jr. Carol is survived by two sisters, Janet Hill of Woodleaf, NC and Betty Joan Coulthard, of Salisbury, NC, and seven loving nieces and nephews with whom she shared a strong loving bond: Heather Beeker, Jennifer Caton, Robin Pope, Andy Pope, David Coulthard, Kim Coulthard, and Lisa Weikel. Carol also shared a special relationship with her great nephews and great nieces, notably Mason and Morgan Leonard, Devin and Logan Caton, and Jax and Drew Pope.

Carol loved life and lived it to the fullest. She enjoyed playing softball for many years, going to football, baseball and basketball games, traveling all over the US in a motorhome with her parents and later with other family and friends,

and going camping and fishing. She loved going to concerts and museums, to the beach and mountains, having cookouts and going out to eat with family, friends and coworkers.

She was devoted to Lebanon Lutheran Church and its members and served on the church council and worked on many projects including Rowan Helping Ministries and the Angel Tree. In addition, she planted flowers at the church each spring and helped with the renovation of the church parsonage.

Carol was inquisitive and she loved learning new details and she remembered many things that others forgot. Because of the pandemic and of her weakened immunity, she had to turn to the tv for education and entertainment and she watched many hours of the History Channel, Smithsonian, documentaries, ballgames, war movies, HGTV, old black and white movies, and cowboy shows, especially Gunsmoke. She commented that she hoped that she would get to meet Marshal Matt Dillon (James Arness) in Heaven! Carol and her family have been very grateful to Dr. Brent Seifert and to Dr. William Brinkley, both in Salisbury and to Dr. Cristina Gasparetto and to Taylor Andis, NP at the Duke Cancer Center in Durham for their superb care, expertise and compassion for the last seven years.

Service: A celebration of Carol's life will be held on Saturday, February 12, 1:00, at Lebanon Lutheran Church, 1200 Thompson Road, Cleveland, NC 27013 with the Rev. Carroll Robinson and the Rev. Walter Weikel officiating.

Visitation: Due to ongoing COVID infections and out of respect and concern for our vulnerable family, friends, and church congregation, there will be no visitation and masks must be worn at the service.

Memorials: In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made in Carol's name to: Lebanon Lutheran Church, 1200 Thompson Road, Cleveland, NC 27013 or to the

Duke Blood Cancer Center, Duke Myeloma Program, 2400 Pratt Street, Suite 5000, Box 3961, Durham, NC 27701.

Summersett Funeral Home is serving the Pope family. Online condolences may be made at [www.summersettfuneralhome.com](http://www.summersettfuneralhome.com).



# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

FEB 12. 1:00 PM (ET)

Lebanon Lutheran Church  
Cleveland, NC

# Tribute Wall

TF

“ I worked along side Carol for many years at National Starch then Henkel. Carol had an always ready smile and great sense of humor. She loved being with people and family and friends were very important to her. I really hate Covid had to limit her contact with others during her last years. She fought a long, hard battle with cancer but always had a positive attitude. Her larger-than-life personality will be missed by many. My prayers go out to the family during this time of loss.

*Tammy Fisher*

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**Tammy Fisher** - February 13, 2022 at 08:31 AM

MG

“ When I think of Carol Pope it always involves softball, her smile and her laugh. I played softball against and sometimes with her for many years. Such wonderful memories. Her smile and laugh were contagious. She really could light up a room with them. I know her family and friends will miss her terribly. Many thoughts and prayers are being said for them.

*There are some people that you just can't imagine the world being without. Carol Pope was one of those people. Thank you for touching my life. God Bless you Carol.*

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**Mitzi Starks Goodman** - February 07, 2022 at 06:33 AM

CM

“ I first met Carol at Fiber Industries (Celanese) where we were both worked in the lab. I remember her laughter and love of sports. We often bowled together at Woodleaf Lanes and I watched her play softball. I took 10 years off from work to raise three daughters. When I decided to go back to work, I took a position in the Lab at National Starch and Chemical. Who is one of the first faces I see? Carol Pope! How nice to see an old friend in a new environment. She was a terrific analyst, always giving 100% on the job. Her sense of humor and helpfulness was always appreciated.

There was no doubt about what was important in Carol's life.....Football, family and travel. I remember telling her about a friend of mine who had an RV for sale after the death of her husband. Carol bought it and headed to Florida. I heard that the transmission failed when she got to Florida. I felt so bad about the predicament that she was in but Carol took it all in stride and said, "it could have happened anytime". That didn't stop her from enjoying traveling with her family and friends.

She will be greatly missed. Until we meet again some day.....  
Carol McCall

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**Carol McCall** - February 06, 2022 at 03:06 PM

DB

“ Carol & I were classmates at West Rowan. Carol was fun loving and full of life. Carol came to a few of luncheons for classmates and friends at Wink's. It was always fun listening to tales of her adventures in her motor home. She will be missed.

Debbie Graham Brown

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**Debbie Graham Brown** - February 04, 2022 at 04:07 PM

DJ

*It saddened me to learn of Carol's passing. But I'm certain, and happy for her, that she is once again being the fun-loving, caring, wonderful person that we all knew. I got to know Carol thru her sister, Janet. I could tell that they had a strong bond and much love for each other. Carol always had a smile on her face. My sincere and heartfelt condolence to her family, friends and loved ones. She surely will be missed, for her abundance of living and loving life and for her being "Carol." May her family find comfort and peace in The Lord's loving embrace thru this most difficult time. Rest in peace sweet Carol.*

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**Donna Jackson** - February 06, 2022 at 11:29 AM