



Mrs Celeste Morgan Gregory

May 7, 1919 - January 9, 2015

Celeste Morgan Gregory, 95, has departed the earth for her Heavenly home on 1/9/2015. She was born Mary Celeste Morgan on 5/7/1919 in Winston Salem, NC, to parents Hampton and Myrtle Morgan. She attended Mineral Springs schools. Celeste was choir director and pianist for her home church, Mineral Springs Baptist Church, in Winston Salem. After moving to Charlotte, NC, Celeste and her husband Rudy Gregory helped found Westover Baptist Church. During their time in Charlotte, Celeste was choir director and pianist for the church.

Upon moving to Salisbury, NC, she and Rudy joined First Baptist Church where Celeste was the organist, and also directed the church choirs. Rudy and Celeste then, along with 6 other couples, helped to found Neel Road Baptist Church. Celeste was organist, pianist, choir director, and director of the handbell choir. She was organist until 2004, when she retired at the age of 85, and she was honored by Neel Road Church for her 44 years of service. She returned to Neel Road Church in 2012 at the age of 92 to present a concert for the congregation. Celeste was also a beloved piano teacher to multiple generations of students in Salisbury.

Mrs. Gregory is survived by her son David Gregory and daughter Sandra Wakefield; granddaughter Stephanie Wakefield; and grandson Gregory Wakefield and wife Diena. She is also survived by her brothers Frank Morgan and his wife Helen, Hampton Morgan, Jack Morgan, Jim Morgan and wife Mary Alice, nieces and nephews. Celeste was predeceased by her husband

Rudy and two sisters, Glennie Walsh and Anne Reavis.

Visitation will be at Summersett Funeral Home on Friday, January 16 at 1 PM.

Funeral service will also be held at Summersett Funeral Home on Friday, January 16 at 2 PM. Burial will follow at Rowan Memorial Park.

Summersett Funeral Home is serving the Gregory family. Online condolences may be made at www.summersettfuneralhome.com.

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 16. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Summersett Funeral Home
1315 W. Innes St.
Salisbury, NC 28144
(704) 633-2111
<https://www.summersettfuneralhome.com>

Service

JAN 16. 2:00 PM (ET)

Summersett Memorial Chapel
1315 W. Innes St.
Salisbury, NC 28144

Tribute Wall

RS

“ So many wonderful memories of such an elegant and graceful lady. Her faithfulness and dedication to the Lord and His church was unwavering. She was a wonderful teacher and exhibited great patience during my piano lessons. She taught me to have a greater appreciation for choral and church music, and encouraged me to make that an important part of my life. For that I will forever be grateful.

My parents always loved and respected Mr. And Mrs. Gregory. My father, Howard Pless, wants you to know he is praying for you all during this time of loss and grief. May you look to the Lord for comfort and peace.

Risa Pless Spradling - January 15, 2015 at 07:54 PM

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“ Harriet Jeffers purchased the Love's Journey for the family of Mrs Celeste Morgan Gregory.



Harriet Jeffers - January 15, 2015 at 05:35 PM



“ Love's Journey was purchased for the family of Mrs Celeste Morgan Gregory.



January 14, 2015 at 10:06 PM

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“ *To a wonderful lady who gave me the gift of music through her teaching me the love of playing the piano. God just gained a beautiful angel.*

Cathy Dominck Massett

CDMassett - January 13, 2015 at 05:48 PM