



Charlotte Ruffner Taylor

January 18, 1919 - April 23, 2020

Charlotte Elizabeth Ruffner Taylor, 101, of Salisbury passed away Thursday, April 23, 2020 at Trinity Oaks Assisted Living.

Born January 18, 1919 in Blacksburg, VA to the late Robert Henry Ruffner and Frances Donovan Ruffner. The family moved to Raleigh, NC when she was six months old where she lived until she married Charles David "Chuck" Taylor on May 17, 1943. Charlotte and Chuck moved to Salisbury when Chuck came home from World War II.

She graduated from St. Mary's College in 1938.

Charlotte was a member of Sacred Heart Catholic Church where she served on many committees. She was a charter member of Sacred Heart Catholic Daughters and held many offices, a member of the St. Anne's Circle and a Cub Scout Den Leader for the church. She loved her church and was always ready to be of service wherever she could.

Her commitment to serve others continued with her community service. She helped to start Hospice in Rowan County 37 years ago and was a Hospice volunteer for many years. She worked with Meals on Wheels for many years and was the coordinator for Sacred Heart's day to deliver meals. She was a member of the Relief Circle and served the Rotary Club for many years. She also served on the Rowan County Cancer Board.

Charlotte was a wonderful wife, mother and grandmother and will be greatly missed.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband,

Charles David "Chuck" Taylor; daughter, Anita Taylor Stone; great-granddaughter, Lillian Ruth Edwards, brother, Robert Ruffner and wife Katherine; sister-in-law, Annette Snider and husband Stuart.

Left to cherish her memory are a son, Charles David Taylor, Jr. (Prudy); daughter, Frances Taylor Edwards (Larry); grandchildren, C.D. Taylor (Deb), Charlotte Taylor Ratike (Justin), Elizabeth Taylor, Tripp Edwards (Liz), Anita Edwards and Mary Katherine Parr (Tommy); eleven great-grandchildren and a great-great-grandson.

The family would like to thank the staff of Assisted Living at Trinity Oaks.

"They have taken the best and most loving care of Mom and have become like family, You are the best. "

A private funeral mass and graveside service will be held for the family.

Memorials may be made to Sacred Heart Catholic Church, 375 Lumen Christi Lane, Salisbury NC 28147 or Trinity Oaks Assisted Living, 728 Klumac Road, Salisbury NC 28144.

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

Tribute Wall

PK

“ As a former teacher at Knox and Salisbury High, I can attest to the fact that Charlotte was a great mother who advocated for her children while supporting their teachers! Later in life, I was privileged to associate with her at Trinity Oaks with my mother and with Doris Alexander and Mary Messinger...what a wonderful group of "fun" women. We are better off" for knowing great women like Charlotte, who will be missed!

Phil Kirk - May 03, 2020 at 01:16 PM

FP

“ Charlotte was one of the first people I met when arriving in Salisbury as Pastor. She was a tremendous source of history and support during my tenure. Her plain, no nonsense attitude, with a proper dose of southern humor, was always appreciated. She was a true southern lady in all respects. Rest in peace Lady Charlotte.

Father John Putnam, KCHS

Father John Putnam - April 28, 2020 at 10:34 AM

MA

“ Sorry for your lose Taylor and Edwards family. She was a Great Lady from the Greatest Generation.

LTC (R) Mark E. Hayden

mark - April 28, 2020 at 10:01 AM

MF

“ A long time friend of my mother, Elaine Fuller, and a friend to all of us throughout the years. She was one of the sweetest, kindest ladies that you could ever hope to meet and she will be greatly missed by everyone.

Mike Fuller - April 27, 2020 at 12:23 PM

DS

“ Charlotte took a liking to me when I was a child and kept up with me for years, offering her frequent opinions - always appreciated. What a force of nature she was. An amazing person who will be remembered well.

Deirdre Parker Smith - April 26, 2020 at 11:33 PM

MR

“ Our family 's first visit to Sacred Heart for mass in Salisbury .. Mrs. Taylor went out of her way to introduce us to her family. I loved times at Catholic Daughter with her.. She was so smart and such a leader with a heart of Gold ! 🙏 SHE IS FOREVER IN MY HEART!

Margaret Roderick - April 26, 2020 at 08:53 PM

BW

“ I learned to love your Mother as we roamed the halls of Trinity Oaks. Cherish the years you had with her and know you were loved.
Betsy Webster

Betsy Webster - April 26, 2020 at 08:12 PM

MS

“ When we were children Anita Taylor and I were best friends. I spent many hours in the Taylor home and Charlotte always welcomed me and included me in some family activities. I thought she was beautiful, fun, and kind. My condolences to the family.

Marian Ruth Sanders

Marian Ruth Sanders - April 24, 2020 at 10:20 PM

GW

“ She always winked at me....Prayers to the family during this time. Aunt Madge and I enjoyed spending time with her,

Gloria Wilhelm

Gloria Wilhelm - April 24, 2020 at 08:05 PM

CP

“ I am so sorry to hear about Charlotte's passing. She was one of a kind and I loved her dearly. But take comfort that she lived a long and fruitful life and was an inspiration to many people. And she is no longer suffering. She has joined Chuck and they and my folks can have a great time together in heaven.

Cooki Perkins.

Cooki Perkins - April 24, 2020 at 07:17 PM