



Constance "Connie" R. Hurlocker

April 9, 2025

Constance (Connie) R. Hurlocker, 84, of Salisbury, NC, died peacefully surrounded by family and friends on Wednesday, April 9, 2025. Connie was the daughter of the late Clarence Rickmond and Theda Klutz Rickmond. In addition to her parents, Connie was preceded in death by her husband Thomas Hurlocker and her sister Theda (TK) Lineberger.

Connie's is a story that starts and ends in Salisbury. Connie was raised in Salisbury, NC and graduated from Lenoir Rhyne College in 1961, with a BS degree. It was during college that she met her handsome groom of 61 years, Thomas Hurlocker. After college, Connie and Tom moved to Pennsylvania. Connie started teaching in 1971 in Carlisle, PA, and she received her Master's degree in Special Education in 1974. Connie had a long and very rewarding career teaching special needs students in the Carlisle area before retiring in 1996.

Tom and Connie raised their children, Eric and Tamara, in Carlisle and made many wonderful and lasting friendships during their 35 years there. They loved to travel and were frequently on the road during their time in Carlisle. Connie enjoyed golfing in Carlisle and rumor has it there was a hole-in-one at some point. When not traveling or golfing, Connie was the ultimate hostess and she loved to entertain friends in their home. To be sure, there was usually a glass of wine around.

Tom retired a few years after Connie, and they decided to relocate to North Carolina. First, they moved to Hendersonville, NC, where they quickly found

another group of fabulous friends. The Hurlockers were members of Grace Lutheran Church in Hendersonville.

Connie's final move was back to her hometown, and it was a great one. They moved to the supportive community at Trinity Oaks, a Continuing Care Retirement Community. It was widely known that at 4:00 PM most afternoons, friends at Trinity Oaks could stop in at Connie's for wine down and have a glass or two. While back home in Salisbury, Connie continued to enjoy traveling and the opportunity to visit with her four beloved grandchildren. Connie was a member of St. John's Lutheran Church in Salisbury. She particularly loved singing in the church choir.

Connie is survived by two children, Eric Hurlocker and his wife Andi of Richmond, VA, and Tamara Eller and her husband Trip of Concord, NC; one bonus daughter, Ann Rumberger Hoffman and her husband Larry; four grandchildren, Cassie Peele and her spouse Jasper Sterling, Jay Hurlocker, Emily Peele, and Layne Hurlocker; and many nieces and nephews and their families.

The family is grateful for the compassionate care given to Connie by Dr. Chet Amin, the staff at Trinity Oaks, and Novant Health Hospice, all in Salisbury, NC.

A memorial service will be held at St. John's Lutheran Church in Salisbury at 11:00 AM Saturday, May 10, 2025, followed by a reception at Trinity Oaks. An online memorial register is available at www.summersettfuneralhome.com. Memorial contributions may be made to St. John's Lutheran Church General Fund (<https://app.onechurchsoftware.com/stjsalisbury/egiving>) or Lutheran Services Carolinas (<https://lscarolinas.net/donate-onetime/>).

Previous Events

Memorial Service

MAY 10. 11:00 AM (ET)

St. John's Lutheran Church
200 W. Innes St.
Salisbury, NC 28144

Reception to follow service

MAY 10 (ET)

Trinity Oaks
728 Klumac Rd.
Salisbury, NC 28144

Tribute Wall

JB

“*Connie was the best roommate EVER and the best life long friend. For over fifty years we recycled one birthday card with letters of family events, news, and adventures. Too many memories and fun times to share in this space; but Connie did chronicle our camping trip to Canada when the kids were young, and in March of 2024, when I visited Connie in Salisbury, we created a list of times we crossed each other's paths since 1959. She and Tom live on in my memory and my many pictures which I would like to share when you come my way. My girls still refer to Connie as "Aunt Connie". Jo Brooks*

Jo Anne Brooks - May 07, 2025 at 03:23 PM

DC

“*Tamara and Eric, I was sorry to hear about your mom's passing. I have so many wonderful memories of both your parents and you. You have my deepest sympathy. Diana*

Diana Ciucci - April 19, 2025 at 10:36 PM

CB

“ My husband, Ken, and I became friends with Connie and Tom while we lived in Carriage Park, North Carolina, and had many fun and memorable times travelling on trips with our group of friends. On one occasion, Connie and Tom invited us and our two grandchildren to visit the Carl Sandburg home historic site in Flat Rock. The six of us proceeded to walk down the lovely tree-lined nature trail with many tree roots in the path to the home. The two men and children were far ahead as we talked and enjoyed the scenic walk. All of a sudden, I tripped on a tree root and fell on the sandy path and laughed as all of a sudden Connie fell also. We sat there and laughed. The men asked the kids where we were, and they said we were sitting on the path laughing and talking. We enjoyed the home and the goats and then went to Miss Piggy's for ice cream cones, a wonderful memory for Ken and me with vibrant Connie and Tom.
Cherie Barget

Cherie Barget - April 18, 2025 at 10:53 AM

BF

“ Connie was a dear friend while living in Hendersonville. When she and Tom moved they were so missed. My sympathy to her family.



Barbara Fountain - April 16, 2025 at 08:28 AM