



Donna Gantt Bowers Penland

October 30, 1924 - March 15, 2010

Donna Gantt Bowers Penland, 85 of Salisbury died Monday, March 15, 2010 at Brian Center of Salisbury.

Born October 30, 1924 in Rowan County, she was the daughter of the late Roy W. and Ottie York Gantt. She graduated from East Spencer High School and Salisbury Business College.

In her early life, Mrs. Penland was employed at White Packing Company. She later worked at Raper's in Spencer, was a seamstress, operated a cloth store on Fourth Street in Spencer and was a homemaker.

She was a member of Central United Methodist Church.

She was preceded in death by her first husband, Walter James Bowers on April 11, 1966, her second husband, Carroll Charles Penland on April 8, 1979, a daughter, Ottie Bowers Rufty on July 24, 2009 and a grandson, Don Penland in 2006; sister, Ruth Carol Martin; brothers, Charles Roy Gantt and Earnest Wade Gantt.

Survivors include her daughter, Donna Leonard of Salisbury; sons, James Roy Bowers of Salisbury and Charles Penland and wife Carolyn of Pisgah Forest; sisters, Bernice Toohey of Golden, Colorado, and Ann Meacham and

husband Bill of Salisbury; brothers, Ralph Gantt of Tucson, Arizona and Tommy Gantt of Lebanon, Oregon; grandchildren, Deanna McGrady of China Grove, Jimmy Ponds of Florida, Mathew Leonard of Salisbury, Ray Penland, Eddie Penland and Bruce Penland of Pisgah Forest; great-grandchildren, Richard and Samantha Harmon, Rebecca and Joseph McGrady, and Ethan and Jacob Leonard.

Funeral services will be conducted 11:00 AM – Wednesday at the Summersett Memorial Chapel with the Rev. Ross O’Neal, minister of Central United Methodist Church officiating. Interment will follow at the Salisbury National Cemetery, Government Rd. location.

The family will receive friends from 6-8:00 PM Tuesday at the Summersett Funeral Home and at other times the family will be at the residence of her sister, Ann Meacham.

Memorials may be made to Central United Methodist Church, PO Box 203, Spencer, NC 28159