



## Edith Horn Alcorn

May 1, 1924 - July 23, 2014

Edith Horn Alcorn, 90, passed away on July 23, 2014 at her loving home. Edith was born May 1, 1924 in Boles, Missouri and was the daughter of the late Wilbert August Horn and Gertrude Emilie Becker Horn. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Rev. Edwin M. Alcorn; her oldest son, Lowell Edwin Alcorn, and her brother, Oliver Charles Horn.

After growing up on the family farm, Mrs. Alcorn graduated from the University of Missouri, Columbia, College of Environmental Sciences in 1945 and then served for two years of community leadership in a post-war housing area in Oregon. By 1948, she earned a Master's Degree in Christian Education at Eden Theological Seminary and married Rev. Edwin Myers Alcorn, a United Church of Christ minister. They lived in Timberville, Virginia, Middletown, Maryland, and Conover, North Carolina prior to moving to Salisbury in 1966.

In Salisbury, Edith worked as Rowan County's Health Educator for 18 years, was an active member of First United Church of Christ and served in dozens of community leadership positions. Her service work was remarkable and legendary. Her tireless commitment to the community was recognized with a nomination for the Nancy Susan Reynolds Award for unsung leadership in North Carolina.

She was very proud of the accomplishments of her children and their families

as well as her many nieces and nephews. She is survived by two sons, a daughter: Greg and Missie Alcorn and their children, Clark and Eleanor of Salisbury; daughter, Janice and David Koppenhaver, of Boone and their three sons, Dan, Will and Allen; Bayard and Sally Alcorn of Raleigh and their children, Jessica, Sam and Jack; and Lowell's wife, Susan Alcorn and sons, Eddie and Denny. Her children and grandchildren were the light of her life. She is also survived by a sister, Ruth H. Campbell of Missouri, and a sister-in-law, Beth Jordan of Maryland, and many nieces and nephews.

Special thanks to all who supported and loved Edith in the last year – Josephine Houston, Caring Hands of Salisbury, Hospice, 1st UCC and her wonderful network of friends. She loved them all.

A Memorial Service will be held on Sunday, July 27, 2014 at 3:00 PM at the First United Church of Christ, Salisbury, NC

Officiating: Rev. Carol Hallman, pastor

Visitation: Following service in fellowship hall

Memorials: In lieu of flowers, the family requests either donations to First United Church of Christ Foundation 207 W. Horah St. Salisbury, NC 28144 or a donation of the donor's choice.

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

JUL **27**. 3:00 PM (ET)

First United Church of Christ  
207 W. Horah St.  
Salisbury, NC 28144

# Tribute Wall

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“ *Alcorn Family, you have our sincere condolences. Please find comfort in Revelation 21:4  
And he will wipe out every tear from their eyes, and death will be no more, neither will mourning nor outcry nor pain be anymore. The former things have passed away.*”

*Stanback Family*

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**Stanback Family** - July 28, 2014 at 06:41 AM

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“ *Dear family of Edith Alcorn, I volunteered with Edith at Rowan Helping Ministries. She was a dear, so loving and caring. We had some good conversations and a little in common as were were in Columbia for four years. My husband received his doctorate there. We have great memories of Columbia and the state of Missouri. I know she will be missed by all her friends and family. Sincerely,  
Ellen Kay Ball*”

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**Ellen Kay Ball** - July 27, 2014 at 01:33 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Edith Horn Alcorn.*”



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July 25, 2014 at 08:07 PM

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“*Jane and Tom Hamilton acknowledge a longterm and treasured relationship with Ed and Edith. Now we join their many, many friends in expressing our Christian Sympathy upon the death of Edith. Truly, God blessed her life richly, and ours as well as we have known her.*

*(Tom and Jane Hamilton, Newton, NC)*

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**Tom and Jane Hamilton** - July 25, 2014 at 10:10 AM