



Elaine Delozier Richards

August 9, 1920 - August 3, 2014

Elaine Delozier Richards died on August 3, 2014 at the age of 93. She had been a resident at Trinity Oaks Lutheran Home since August of 2012. Elaine, the eldest child of Dean and Elizabeth Delozier, was born on August 9, 1920 in Altoona, PA. During her teenage years in McKeesport and later in Altoona, Elaine loved to frequent the summer dance halls that featured big band music. Following her high school graduation in 1938, she came to Catawba College to study elementary education. One evening at a canteen, a football player who had been walking by her dorm window on his way to football practice whistling, "You are the only star in my blue heaven," asked her to dance, and the true romance of both their lifetimes began. Following her graduation from Catawba College, Elaine married Marion "Chub" Richards on August 6, 1943. Throughout their married lives Chub and Elaine were devoted to careers in education, First United Church of Christ, Catawba College, the Salisbury Rowan community, and Civitan at the local, state, and national levels. Elaine taught second grade for 25 years starting at Rockwell Elementary School, Wiley Elementary School but spending most of her teaching career at Hurley Elementary School. In 1974-75, Elaine was granted special permission from the school system to serve as the "First Lady of Civitan" and join her husband in his service as President of Civitan International. This was a memorable year of travel, special events, and meeting new people. Elaine and Chub celebrated their 50th Anniversary by restating their vows at the Catawba College Omwake Dearborn Chapel followed by a reception with family and

friends in the Crystal Lounge. When Chub passed away in 2004, they had been married for 61 years. After retirement, together they worked tirelessly in support of some their favorite charities including Meals on Wheels, Victory Junction, and the Special Olympics. Always a coach's wife at heart, Elaine remained a member of the Catawba Chiefs Club and attended football games whenever her health allowed, otherwise listening to them on the radio.

Throughout her life, Elaine most deeply treasured her relationships with people: her family; the Catawba community; her students, fellow teachers, and staff at Hurley School; her many friends in the Civitan organization; the members of First United Church of Christ and most especially her Church Circle 7, and the Prime Timers; her bridge and book clubs; and her friends in the Catawba water aerobics class.

Elaine is survived by her children, Rebecca Ament and husband Greg of Worthington, OH and Dean Richards and wife Sue of Charlotte, NC, her grandchildren Greg Ament Jr. of Corvallis, OR, John Ament of Worthington, OH, and Jessica Richards of Charlotte, NC and her three great-grandchildren Mitchell, Blake, and Logan Ament, sons of John and Tammy Ament.

Service: Saturday, August 9th at 10:00am at the Omwake Dearborn Chapel, Catawba College conducted by Rev. Ken Clapp, Chaplain at Catawba College and Rev. Carol Hallman, Minister of First United Church of Christ.

Visitation: Friday, August 8th from 6:00pm to 8:00pm, Summersett Funeral Home.

Memorials: In lieu of flowers the family requests memorials be sent to: The Marion M. Richards/Salisbury Civitan Club Scholarship at Catawba College, 2300 W Innes St, Salisbury, NC or Salisbury Civitan Club Foundation, P.O. Box 171, Salisbury, NC or First United Church of Christ, 207 W Horah St, Salisbury, NC.

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 8. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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

Service

AUG 9. 10:00 AM (ET)

Omwake Dearborn Chapel
2300 W. Innes St.
Salisbury, NC 28144

Tribute Wall



“ *Secret Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Elaine Delozier Richards.*



August 07, 2014 at 12:28 PM



“ *Mrs. Richards was a neighborhood "mom" on Summit Ave by Catawba College. She and my mom had coffee often in the mornings. (Jane Ruth). We had a childhood with a street full of caring neighborhood moms who kept an eye on all of us. Elaine is at the last of these moms. The kids are now grandparents, but Elaine was still our neighborhood mom. She will be missed by many and especially the Summit Avenue kids.*
Marian Ruth Sanders

Marian Sanders - August 06, 2014 at 08:21 PM



“ *My beloved second grade teacher at Hurley Elementary School in 1961 - 1962 . . .you made us practice our writing, forming every letter perfectly and to this day I thank you for that. I give you all the credit for my handwriting and with the many compliments I receive . . . I owe it to you. Rest in peace Ms. Richards. Joyce Morris*

Joyce Morris - August 06, 2014 at 01:04 PM

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“ Curtis and Becky Farlow have many special memories with our dear friends Elaine and Chub. We began our journey with them back in the middle 70s and enjoyed every opportunity we could, to be with them through Civitan. Chub was such a strong support to Curtis as he became Gov. of Civitan in the 80s which gave Elaine a special person to both Becky and Curtis. We will miss her dearly but was able to visit her in June this year. Our love and sympathy to all the family. Curtis & Becky

Curtis & Becky Farlow - August 06, 2014 at 12:35 PM