



## Elizabeth Crockett Kirby

July 20, 1927 - January 29, 2022

Elizabeth “Skeeter” Crockett Kirby, 94, of Salisbury died peacefully Saturday, January 29, 2022, at the Glenn A. Kiser Hospice House in Salisbury.

Skeeter was born July 20, 1927, in Pulaski, Virginia, the only child of James Randall Crockett and Elizabeth Kent Bell Crockett. She spent her childhood in Fredericksburg, Virginia, and returned to Pulaski when she was a teenager. Skeeter graduated from Pulaski High School and attended Longwood College before starting work for the Veterans Administration in Richmond. After returning to Pulaski, she married Wilbur Vance “Tub” Kirby in 1948. Her primary employment was as a teacher’s aide and librarian in Pulaski County public schools.

During retirement the Kirbys lived in Ocala, Florida, where Skeeter learned to swim, golfed regularly, and was ordained a ruling elder by Ft. King Presbyterian Church. She was a 65-year member of the DAR and an avid bridge player. Skeeter joined First Presbyterian Church of Salisbury when she relocated to Oak Park in 2011.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband and daughters Diana Kent Kirby and Leslie Ann Kirby Reynolds.

Skeeter is survived by her son Rev. Dr. Randal Vance Kirby and his wife Rev. Dr. Barrie Miller Kirby of Salisbury, and grandchildren Hannah Kirby Lyman and her husband Richard of Durham, Rachel Crockett Kirby of Boston, and Sandra Jane Reynolds Smith and C.D. Reynolds, Jr. of Newport, Virginia. Due to COVID concerns, the family will hold a private burial.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to First Presbyterian Church, 308 W. Fisher St., Salisbury, NC 28144.

Summersett Funeral Home is serving the Kirby family. Online condolences may be made at [www.summersettfuneralhome.com](http://www.summersettfuneralhome.com).

# Tribute Wall

PS

“*"Skeeter" and I got to know each other when my Dad resided at Oak Park. She was the most delightful lady and always had a kind word every time I saw her. I was also her Mary Kay lady and enjoyed seeing her regularly even after Dad left us. My thoughts are with you.*



Pat Webb Sledge - February 18, 2022 at 01:10 PM

BM

“*I am so very sorry over the passing of Mrs. Elizabeth Kirby. I deliver the mail at Autumn Care Nursing Home and learned to know her. Almost, every time I went into her room, she would have a smile on her face and tell me that she just loved mail, and she got a lot of it. Every time I saw a postcard, I knew where it belonged. I couldn't help but read a few Lines. Usually it would say "Hi Grandma" and it was from her grandchildren, Her cards they were on the door, so she could see them. She was a very special lady and I miss her so much. May God Bless each one of you now and over the next few days. May He bless all of you with His loving prayers and give you strength as the days go by. Just remember that Heaven now has a new and special Angel Librarian.*

Brenda Mahaley - February 11, 2022 at 03:20 PM

CZ

“*Deepest sympathy on your loss. I always enjoyed speaking with Skeeter and appreciated her devotion to Blessing Bunch. She hated to stop sending the notes, but it became too much for her. She was a very lovely and genteel lady. Cathy Zalenski*

Cathy Zalenski - February 06, 2022 at 10:05 AM

JT

“ Skeeter was my aide at Newbern Elementary, she was loved by the staff and children. Her positive attitude, love for her job, gentle spirit, and support meant a lot to a young teacher. After a personal loss, she had such caring supportive words of encouragement. I was blessed to have her in my life.

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**Johnsie Tucker** - February 03, 2022 at 07:16 PM

BW

“ My prayers and thoughts are with you, Randy and the rest of your family: 🙏 You have many wonderful memories of your mom to remember and cherish!! I enjoyed getting to know Elizabeth. She always had a smile and was an inspiration to many people. God bless y'all!! 🙏



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**Bob Wood** - February 02, 2022 at 10:20 PM

RV

“ We shared many wonderful times with Skeeter when she was in Ocala and we continued to keep in touch even after her move to Salisbury. Skeeter was a dear friend and we will miss her shy smile, that twinkle in her eye, her sweet sense of humor, and her loving, caring ways. We loved her and will miss her, but we will celebrate “a life well lived.”

*Rosella and John Valentine  
Leesburg, Florida*

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**Rosella and John Valentine** - February 01, 2022 at 10:24 PM

JW

“ Randy, so sorry for your loss. Prayers for you and your family.

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**Jay Whittington** - January 31, 2022 at 05:05 PM

KP

“ *David and I are holding your entire family in the light for peace and comfort. May the loving memories of Skeeter be with you all during the coming days. With love,*  
*Kathy and David Pulliam*  
*Salisbury NC*

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**Kathy Graham Pulliam** - January 31, 2022 at 04:30 PM