



## Mrs. Elizabeth "Libby" Helms Hoffmire

September 22, 1957 - August 27, 2017

Mrs. Elizabeth "Libby" Helms Hoffmire, 59, of Blowing Rock, NC passed away Sunday, August 27, 2017 unexpectedly when visiting family in Rowan County, NC.

Libby was born September 22, 1957 in Salisbury, NC to Sally Sedberry Helms, of Salisbury, NC and the late JP Helms. She was a graduate of Salisbury High School, attended Appalachian State University and graduated from Kings Business College in Charlotte, NC. Libby worked for GE Corporation in Raleigh, NC ; the Department of Social Services of Boone, NC; served as Clerk for Watauga County Board of Commissioners and as Office Manager for Village Real Estate in Blowing Rock, NC.

She was a member of Rumble Presbyterian Church in Blowing Rock, NC. She played the flute and piccolo for the Salisbury Symphony. Libby played the piano and reached concert-level performance on the flute. She enjoyed classical music, especially Handel. Living with Charles, she learned to tolerate some forms of rock and country music. Libby moved to Blowing Rock in the 1990's and she fell in love with the North Carolina Mountains, while frequently spending time with her family and friends in Salisbury.

In addition to her mother, she is survived by her husband Charles Hoffmire of Blowing Rock, NC; sisters, Vicki Helms Butler and husband Charles of Hiawassee, GA; Pam Helms Clark and husband Word of Winston Salem, NC; niece, Amanda Paige Clark of Greensboro, NC; Special friends, Melissa Butler and Juliet Gainer; Stepdaughters, Jennifer Harvey of Greenville, SC;

Jessica Hoffmire of Denton, NC; Sarah Morrison; Uncle and Aunt, Charles “Tommy” and Jay Sedberry of Raleigh and many cousins.

The family will receive friends from 10-11 AM Thursday (Aug 31) at Summersett Funeral Home. The funeral service will follow at 11 AM in Summersett Memorial Chapel, conducted by Rev. Dr. Mark Conforti, Minister of First United Methodist Church of Salisbury, NC. Burial will follow at City Memorial Park.

In lieu of flowers contributions may be made in Libby’s memory at the discretion of the donor.

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

# Cemetery Details

## City Memorial Park

1316 West Innes St  
Salisbury, NC 28144

# Previous Events

## Visitation

AUG 31. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

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

## Service

AUG 31. 11:00 AM (ET)

Summersett Memorial Chapel  
1315 W. Innes St.  
Salisbury, NC 28144

# Tribute Wall

MS

“ Knew Libby since grade school always had that beautiful smile RIP  
SWEET LADY

Mark Smith - November 18, 2017 at 05:37 PM

CH

“ I finally found the strength to read these kind words about Libby.  
Thank you all so very much for sharing them with those of us who  
knew and loved her.  
Charlie Hoffmire

Charlie Hoffmire - September 14, 2017 at 11:50 AM

LB

Pam, I just learned of Libby's passing. So sorry to hear this news.  
Lucy Wagner Buchanan

lucy buchanan - October 15, 2017 at 08:31 PM

JG

“ I have found myself looking at this picture tons of times this week....  
Libby was a fun-loving, caring and loving friend. We became close  
friends at Knox Junior High School and have remained close  
throughout the years, although we did not see each other as much  
as should have. When we did see each other, we had a wonderful  
time catching up and talking and it was just the same as always.  
She loved life, her family, Charlie, his daughters and their families.  
She will missed so much by so many. My thoughts and prayers will  
continue for all of her family and friends as we all continue to miss  
her.

Julie Gainer - September 02, 2017 at 05:41 PM

EM

“ *Best memories are from band camp!. We had some fun. Such a great musician. Made it look so easy. Rest in peace dear classmate.*  
*Eloise Kennedy Mahn*  
*Class of 1975*



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**Eloise Mahn** - September 01, 2017 at 07:06 AM

MG

*Libby was the first classmate to whisper "welcome" to me when I attended my first day at Overton School in Salisbury, after my dad's business transfer uprooted me in the middle of the fourth grade school year. Turns out we were neighbors and we became fast friends. I am heartbroken to read of her passing. She became a forever friend from our first meeting. RIP Libby. My love, thoughts and prayers are with the family.*

*Melissa Thornburg George*  
*Class of 1975*

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**Melissa Thornburg George** - September 02, 2017 at 04:45 AM

EN

“ *It was a shock to hear about Libby today. My condolences to all her family she loved so much. I was privilaged to share an office with her and worked with her at Watauga Dept of Social Services for several years. She was a good friend and great person.*  
*Elaine Norris*

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**elaine norris** - August 31, 2017 at 08:23 PM

CY

“ *Libby was such a talented person. I remember her best as an excited young student at Knox where she excelled in flute. Mickey Young was the band director then, and I assisted him. Boy did Libby wow us both as being a fast learner, hard worker and always upbeat. I will never forget her lovely spirit. Carole E. Young*

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**Carole Young** - August 31, 2017 at 12:55 PM

DA

“ *Donna Andrews lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Elizabeth "Libby" Helms Hoffmire*



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**Donna Andrews** - August 30, 2017 at 08:34 PM

LC

“ *Pam my heart aches for you. I know how shocked you feel losing your sister so unexpectedly. When the shock wears off a deep place begins to fill with lovely memories to replace the pain. I personally remember all the fun stories you used to share with me about Libby and she was so warm to me when I first met her in the mountains. She glowed with fiery red hair and a sparkle in her eyes. I know how much you will miss her. When the dust settles, we will talk. Love you, Lynn*

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**lynn clark** - August 30, 2017 at 08:32 PM

WM

“ Wanda McBride lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Elizabeth "Libby" Helms Hoffmire



Wanda McBride - August 30, 2017 at 08:20 PM

CA

“ Libby was a very talented person and touched many lives. Our high school class of 1975 was blessed to have known and associated with her. My sincere condolences to the family. Carol Almond

Carol Almond - August 30, 2017 at 08:03 PM

AC

“ I am so sorry for the loss of Libby. I can't remember a time when I did not know her-so funny, vivacious, and talented! I have so many memories of being at church, in your home with her or over at Melissa's with Libby. I loved her. My heart breaks for you all. May God bless and wrap you all in his love.

Ann Lomax Cobb

Ann Cobb - August 30, 2017 at 06:51 PM

WM

“ Wanda McBride lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Elizabeth "Libby" Helms Hoffmire



Wanda McBride - August 30, 2017 at 09:25 AM

WM

“ My heart is broken for my dear friend Libby. Friends for 30 plus years. I am so honored to have spoken with her just last week. Libby was such a good person. All around. Just lovely. I loved her voice. She told me she was officially retired. My response was good for you. You have worked a lot of years. I wish she could have enjoyed it.

My heart goes out to Charlie and his girls. Of course Mrs. Helms. Vicki , Pam and Amanda. People I have not met but feel I know. This is such a tragedy. It is said that sudden deaths are more difficult. All I know now is that it is difficult for all that loved Libby. Loved her we did. I hold her dear to my heart. Always.

Wanda McBride

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**Wanda McBride** - August 30, 2017 at 08:11 AM

CD

I have been Libby's hairdresser for over 12 yrs. Though I haven't met her family I feel like I know them and my heart and prayers are with them. I was always happy to see Libby come breezing in and get caught up on our families and what's going on around town. She had a great personality we were always laughing about something. I will miss my friend.

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**Christy Dunne** - August 30, 2017 at 06:08 PM

RT

“ So sorry to hear of the passing of my high school classmate. My condolences to her family. May she rest in heaven.

Rosemary (Woodward ) Tucker

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**Rosemary Tucker** - August 29, 2017 at 08:32 PM

PW

“ Libby's giggle and good nature, her ethics, and her heart were a source of Light, which will be missed for a long time. Thank you, Libby, with love, Pamela Winkler

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**pamela winkler** - August 29, 2017 at 07:37 PM

KD

“ *The DeLoache family will miss Libby terribly. She was sweet, kind, full of spirit and we will fondly remember our visits over the years, especially the times when we were at their Blowing Rock house and Charlie and Libby fed the raccoons for our granddaughter's amusement. They were just as excited as she was!*

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**Kathy DeLoache** - August 29, 2017 at 03:01 PM