



Emma Jean Hawley

August 1, 1929 - July 8, 2010

Emma Jean (Clayton) Hawley passed into light on July 8, 2010, surrounded by her beloved husband, Herbert Laureston Hawley III, daughters Mary Laureston (Hawley) Zimmerman and Kathleen Owen Hawley, and son-in-law Kevin Wade Zimmerman. She is also survived by son-in-law, Geoffrey Going.

Born August 1, 1929 in Durham, NC, she graduated from Bragtown High School and attended Elon College where she majored in music. A highlight of this time in her life was performing with the Robert Shaw Chorale in New York City.

She met her future husband while employed at Blue Cross/Blue Shield in Durham. She and Bert were married on January 3, 1959. She was a dedicated wife, mother and homemaker, yet she still pursued her other passions. Among these were historic preservation and the performing arts. She was an avid and knowledgeable collector of North Carolina pottery and antique furniture, much of which she restored herself. Always interested in politics, she ran for Salisbury City Council in 1975. She was key in organizing Salisbury's 1976 Bicentennial celebration. For many years, she remained active with Piedmont Players, the Salisbury Historic Foundation and the Appearance Committee, and participated in the Salisbury October Tours. Emma Jean will be remembered and cherished by her family and friends as strong, smart, determined and unconditionally loving.

A Memorial Service will be conducted 2:00 PM – Sunday at the Summersett Memorial Chapel.

The family will receive friends from 1-2:00 PM Sunday at the Summersett Funeral Home. The family will also receive friends at the home following the service.

Mrs. Hawley's family is deeply grateful for the support of extended family, friends and neighbors. Our thanks also go to her medical team, Rowan Regional Hospice, and to Tanya, Kim and Cheryl Casper.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made in her name to one of the following organizations: Rowan Regional Hospice, 720 Grove St., Salisbury, NC 28144, Historic Salisbury Foundation, 215 Depot St., Salisbury, NC 28144, Piedmont Players, 213 S. Main St., Salisbury, NC 28144 or the North Carolina Nature Conservancy, 4705 University Dr., Suite 290, Durham, NC 27707.

Tribute Wall



“ I'm sorry for your loss. I see the pain my mother feels over losing her husband (my father) of 60 years so I can understand your pain. Death is never easy to accept which is why it's called an enemy in the Bible at First Corinthians 15:26. But Jesus gave us a hope in the Bible at John 11:25: "I am the resurrection and the life. He that exercises faith in me, even though he dies, will come to life." So, we will be able to see our loved ones again by means of the resurrection. Then we will never have to lose them again. Why can we say that? Because God has promised us this in the Bible at such scriptures as Isaiah 25:8, Isaiah 26:19, and Revelation 21:3-5. Isn't this good news? Please read these scriptures in your own Bible. Sincerely, Rosemarie##imported-begin##Rosemarie##imported-end##

September 04, 2010 at 07:10 PM



“ Mary, I am very sorry to learn of your mothers passing. I know how you must be feeling. She will be in your heart forever.

Linda Sullivan##imported-begin##linda sullivan##imported-end##

August 29, 2010 at 10:40 PM



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August 29, 2010 at 10:28 PM



“ To Bert and children, dad told me of Emma Jean's passing. I'm so sorry for your loss. I will always fondly remember her robust laughter and infectious smile. Please know that you are in my and Lynn's thoughts and prayers. May God bless you in this time of sorrow.##imported-begin##Steve Johnson##imported-end##

July 11, 2010 at 01:29 PM



“ Dear Bert,. kate and Mary,I truly don't know what to say .I do know we have lost a member of a family that has been the oldest and dearest friend of our family.Kate and Mary;I'm so glad you could be with "Emo" in her last days.I know she would be proud of your love and support. Bert,I'll call you in a few days. With warmest regards, H L##imported-begin##H L Johnson##imported-end##

July 10, 2010 at 10:05 PM



“ Dear Kate & Mary,

I was reading the Durham Herald-Sun,like I do every morning when I saw a picture of this pretty woman who looked familiar to me, that's when I noticed it was an obituary for your mom. I'm so sorry, I remember really liking your mother when I was around her; which for some reason always seemed to be in your parent's kitchen. Anyway, I just wanted to let you know I was thinking of your family. You are in my prayers. Love, Catherine##imported-begin##Catherine Parker Harkey##imported-end##

July 10, 2010 at 02:12 PM



“ *Kate, Bert, Mary,
Emma admonished me, nurtured me, nagged me and loved me.
And I LOVED her. She was in my heart before I found this out and
she will remain there until I pass too. Honestly, I thought about her
recently. I wish I could be there to hug you. I will be there in spirit. A
bright light has left and made this world a bit dimmer. We will make
do for the remainder of our time here. May you be blessed and
strengthened in this time of sore loss.*

Love,

*David Allan Parker##imported-begin##David Allan
Parker##imported-end##*

July 10, 2010 at 01:48 PM