



Florence "Lucy" Yates Fortner

March 25, 1941 - March 30, 2026

Florence "Lucy" Yates Fortner, 85, of Salisbury, NC passed away Monday, March 30, 2026 at Novant Health Rowan Medical Center.

Lucy was born March 25, 1941 in Tazewell, VA to the late Mary Maggie Coleman and James H. Yates. She worked as an administrator for Jolenes Nursing Home and later Brightmoor for over 30 years. She loved to play Bingo, painting, word games, bird watching, taking cruises and spending time with her family, especially her grandchildren.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband Roy William Fortner on January 17, 1983 and companion, Troy Grubb. Lucy was the last of her nine siblings living. Grandchildren, Alex Rhymer and Christopher Fortner also preceded her in death.

Surviving are her children: Donald Fortner of Lenior, NC, Edna Shupe (Don) of Statesville, NC, RD Fortner (Jean) of Lexington, NC, Bethann Rhymer (Frank) of Salisbury, NC, JC Fortner (Ally) of Salisbury, NC and Tresie Dunaway (David) of Rockwell, NC; eleven grandchildren, thirty-one great-grandchildren and five plus one on the way great-great-grandchildren.

The family will receive friends 1 – 2 p.m. Wednesday (April 8) at Summersett Funeral Home. The funeral service will follow at 2 p.m. in Summersett Memorial Chapel. Burial will be in Rowan Memorial Park.

The family would like to say a special thank you to Virginia Tiny-Mae Norris and Roger Smith for their love, care and support. Also, thank you to the 4th floor and ICU at Novant Health Rowan Medical Center for their loving care of

Mom.

Summersett Funeral Home is serving the Fortner family. Online condolences may be made at www.summersettfuneralhome.com.

Cemetery Details

Rowan Memorial Park

4125 Franklin Comm Center Rd
Salisbury, NC 28144
(704) 636-8751

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 8. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

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

Funeral Service

APR 8. 2:00 PM (ET)

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

Tribute Wall



“ *Summersett Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Florence "Lucy" Yates Fortner*



Summersett Funeral Home and Cremation Center - April 07 at 09:01 AM

JG

“ *I'm Troy's daughter-in-law Janet. I am so sorry for your loss. Lucy was a sweet person. We took our granddaughter every Sunday to Troy's & Lucy would get down in the floor & play with her & get her to sleep. She's 21 now but will always remember that. Prayers for your loss!* 🙏🙏🙏🌹

Janet Grubb - April 08 at 07:51 PM

CC

“ *I remember we had a family reunion and my oldest son was about a 1 and he wanted chocolate cake and I told him no and aunt LuLu said if that baby wants cake im going to give him some and she did and Tiny May did to so*

Cassie Carter - April 08 at 03:02 AM



“ *Fiery Lily and Rose* was purchased for the family of Florence "Lucy" Yates Fortner.



April 07 at 08:50 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket* was purchased for the family of Florence "Lucy" Yates Fortner.



April 06 at 02:49 PM



“ *Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet* was purchased for the family of Florence "Lucy" Yates Fortner.



April 06 at 12:03 PM

AD

“ I was in high school with Tressie and JC. I extend my sincerest condolences to them, their family, and will be praying for the repose of Mrs. Fortner's soul.

Eternal rest grant unto her O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon her. May she rest in peace, Amen.

*Andrew Dunn
Philadelphia, PA*

Andrew Dunn - April 05 at 06:13 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Florence "Lucy" Yates Fortner.*



April 03 at 05:31 PM

JF

“ *Jermaine, Liz and the Sharp family purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Florence "Lucy" Yates Fortner.*



Jermaine, Liz and the Sharp family - April 03 at 08:31 AM

MB

“ Matthew, Samantha and Reed Brady purchased the Days of Sunshine Bouquet for the family of Florence "Lucy" Yates Fortner.



Matthew, Samantha and Reed Brady - April 02 at 05:48 PM

TL

“ Tony and Luz purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Florence "Lucy" Yates Fortner.



Tony and Luz - April 01 at 06:00 PM

TL

“ Tony and Luz planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Florence "Lucy" Yates Fortner.

Tony and Luz - April 01 at 06:00 PM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Florence "Lucy" Yates Fortner.



April 01 at 08:34 AM

MA

“ *Maria lit a candle in memory of Florence "Lucy" Fortner*



Maria - April 01 at 04:01 AM

WA

“ *Wishing On Travel Agency purchased the Fiery Lily and Rose for the family of Florence "Lucy" Yates Fortner.*



Wishing On Travel Agency - April 01 at 01:15 AM

RB

“ *Roger and Beverly purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Florence "Lucy" Yates Fortner.*



Roger and Beverly - March 31 at 06:33 PM

NA

“ *Nate, Ally, Hunter, Everleigh & Aribella purchased the Lavender Reflections Spray for the family of Florence "Lucy" Yates Fortner.*



Nate, Ally, Hunter, Everleigh & Aribella - March 31 at 05:32 PM

NA

“ Nate, Ally, Hunter, Everleigh & Aribella planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Florence "Lucy" Yates Fortner.

Nate, Ally, Hunter, Everleigh & Aribella - March 31 at 05:32 PM

MB

“ I love you, Grandma. You will be missed.



Marsha Fortner Branch - March 31 at 05:23 PM