



Frances Hope Rufty Barnhardt

February 3, 1924 - December 31, 2018

Frances Hope Rufty Barnhardt passed away at Novant Health Glenn A. Kiser Hospice House on December 31, 2018.

Frances Hope Rufty was born February 3, 1924 in Salisbury NC to William Arthur Rufty and Eva Elizabeth Rice Rufty. Frances graduated from Boyden High School in 1940 and from Salisbury Business College in 1941. She worked for Duke Power for 43 years, starting as a secretary and rising from credit department, cashier, head cashier and finally manager of accounting for seven offices. She retired in 1984.

Frances married Melvin Barnhardt on January 24, 1959. They loved to travel and toured 50 states and 36 countries. Many they visited more than once. It wasn't so much the scenery as it was the culture of the different countries. Their favorites were Switzerland, New Zealand and England. Melvin died November 22, 2009.

She was an active member of First United Church of Christ, past secretary and treasurer of the Duke Power Retiree Club. She was an ardent member of Johns River Valley Camp, Blowing Rock, NC.

Everyone will remember her ready smile and kind words.

She was the last surviving sibling in a large family. She had 6 brothers and sisters, Gladys Harrison, Harvey Rufty, Rachel Kesler, Mary Morgan, and Arthur Franklin (Frank) Rufty and four half brothers and sisters, E.L. Rufty, Viola Rufty Myers, Annie Rufty Glasgow and Mazie Rufty Shuping.

She is survived by a nephew, Ken Rufty and his wife Jill of Salisbury and

niece, Betsy Rufty Seymour and husband Dr. Rev Jody Seymour of Davidson. The family will receive friends from 10-11 AM Saturday, January 5, 2019 at Summersett Funeral Home. Her funeral will follow in Summersett Memorial Chapel at 11 AM with Rev. Carol Hallman. Pastor of First United Church of Christ and Rev. Randy Foster, Pastor of Maupin Avenue Presbyterian Church officiating. Entombment will follow at a later date.

Memorials can be sent to First United Church of Christ, 207 W. Horah St. Salisbury, NC 28144.

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

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 5. 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

JAN 5. 11:00 AM (ET)

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

Tribute Wall



“ I have fond memories of shared times with both Frances and Melvin Barnhardt over my many years of outdoor ministry in the Johns River Valley Camp setting. The Barnhardts adopted and renovated a camp cabin that bears their name, and made it possible for countless young people from First UCC in Salisbury to attend summer camp. I still smile when recalling some of their delightful stories, and now pause with gratitude for the impact they made on the lives of others.

Curly Stumb - January 15, 2019 at 09:38 AM

SP

“ Special prayers to Ken and Jill. I know you all were so good to your Aunt Frances. I know she is at peace now. We are sad with you but glad to know she is in heaven. Peace.



Sandy and Richard Pardue - January 04, 2019 at 11:38 PM

BH

“ My condolences to you Kenny & Jill on the loss of a sweet sweet aunt. God give you both strength during this time of your grief. Take care, Beverly Harris



Beverly Harris - January 04, 2019 at 02:03 PM

JR

“ Francis was such a dear, sweet person. I'm going to miss her; however, I know she is in heaven with our Lord Jesus. *Jill Rufty*



Jill Rufty - January 03, 2019 at 03:33 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Frances Hope Rufty Barnhardt.



January 02, 2019 at 07:45 PM