



Gale Graninger Hellard

December 3, 1944 - April 15, 2026

Gale Graninger Hellard, 81, of Salisbury, passed away April 15, 2026 at Novant Health Glenn A. Kiser Hospice House.

Born December 3, 1944 in Suitland, Maryland, she was the daughter of the late Eleanor Heitz and Cecil Graninger. She was a teacher assistant. She enjoyed crafts and especially enjoyed spending time with her children and grandchildren.

In addition to her parents she was preceded in death by brothers, Michael, Peter and Clark Graninger.

Left to cherish her memory are her husband, who she married July 20, 1989; John Charles Hellard; sons, Alan Bonner Ross (Meredith) of Charlotte, Steven Craig Ross (Alfred Bacchi) of Morganton; daughter, Pat Eddins (John) of Albemarle; step-son, Tim Hellard of Grand Rapids, MI; sister, Phyllis Rebecca Sheldon of Darlington, SC; sister-in-law, Nicole Graninger of Terrell; grandchildren, Makenna Ross, Sydney Ross; and several great-grandchildren.

Memorial Service will be conducted 11 a.m. Friday, April 24, 2026 at First Baptist Church of Salisbury. Burial will follow in Chestnut Hill Cemetery.

Memorials may be to Rowan Helping Ministries, 226 N. Long Street, Salisbury, NC 28144.

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

Cemetery Details

Chestnut Hill Cemetery

1134 S Main St
Salisbury, NC 28144
(704) 638-5250

Previous Events

Memorial Service

APR 24. 11:00 AM (ET)

First Baptist Church Salisbury
223 N. Fulton St.
Salisbury, NC 28144

Tribute Wall

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“ *My heart will forever be filled because of Gale Hellard. I met Gale almost 40 years ago, a true friend, my second mom from the very beginning! Her Love and Friendship was genuine, sincere and a true example of a friend for Life!!! Now my Angel, I will forever hold close to my heart until our Souls meet again*❤❤❤

Tommy Chapman - April 27 at 01:28 PM

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“ *Charlie,
Will keep you and your family in my prayers.
Thank you for all the cards you and Gale have sent me.
You and Gale have been such an inspiration to me.
Keith Corriher*

Debbie Eller - April 24 at 05:19 PM

BH

“ *Betty Honeycutt lit a candle in memory of
Gale Hellard*



Betty Honeycutt - April 16 at 11:02 AM

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“ My mom was a special one of a kind person. She gave tirelessly to others and was the first with a card if you were sick or in the hospital. She cared deeply for her friends at First Baptist Church of Salisbury. She especially enjoyed “Gold and Silver” meetings and the singing Christmas tree each holiday season. She was a tremendous artist and could make or paint just about anything, with often creating a wreath for her door each season. She loved her Christmas tree’s, once she had 6 in her house. She will be missed by everyone but I will especially miss being able to call her daily, she was and will always be my biggest cheerleader, I can’t imagine a world without her in it. What comforts me is that she is in the Lord’s arms and has been relieved of her earthly anchors. Mama, I will see you again soon. I love you so much.

Craig Ross - April 15 at 05:53 PM