



## Mrs Gertrude Thompson Ellis

June 5, 1916 - December 9, 2013

Mrs. Gertrude Thompson Ellis, 97, of Salisbury, NC passed away Monday, December 09, 2013 at the Lutheran Home of Salisbury.

Born June 5, 1916 in Rowan County she was the daughter of the late Emmette G. Thompson and Gertrude Wise Thompson.

Mrs. Ellis attended Catawba College and went on to work for Wallace Motor Company as an office manager. She was a member of First United Methodist Church of Salisbury.

Preceding Mrs. Ellis in death is her husband, Joseph Wood Ellis; sisters, Francis T. Krider and Nancy T. Wallace; and brother, Emmette G. Thompson, Jr.

Those left to cherish her memory are her son, Joe Ellis Jr.; along with numerous nieces and nephews.

Graveside service will be held at 10:00AM Thursday, December 12, 2013 at Chestnut Hill Cemetery with Rev. Darrell Norris officiating.

Memorials in honor of Mrs. Ellis may be made to Trinity Oaks, 728 Klumac Rd., Salisbury, NC 28144; and the Rowan County Public Library, 201 W.

Fisher St., Salisbury, NC 28144.

The family would like to give special thanks to the staff of Trinity Oaks, Lutheran Home, and her longtime caregiver, Elizabeth “Libby” Hubbard for their loving care of Gertrude.

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

# Cemetery Details

## Chestnut Hill Cemetery

Salisbury, NC

# Previous Events

## Graveside Service

DEC 12. 10:00 AM (ET)

Chestnut Hill Cemetery  
Salisbury, NC

# Tribute Wall

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“ *From Membership Care of First United Methodist Church, Salisbury, NC  
To the Family and Friends of Gertrude Ellis*



*"Blessed is she whose hope is in the Lord,  
her God, the Maker of heaven and earth, the sea, and everything in  
them - the Lord, who remains faithful forever."*

*--Psalm 146: 5,6--*

*KEEPING YOU CLOSE IN THOUGHT AND PRAYER!*

*Co-chairs Wilbert and Carolyn Sadler*

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**Carolyn Sadler** - December 14, 2013 at 01:09 PM

JM

“ *Jody, I was just made aware of your mom's passing and I am so sorry for your loss. I did get to see her about a year or so ago when I got back to Salisbury for a day. You were blessed to have her in your life for such a long time. I am sorry I didn't know before her funeral. I wish you well at this time of your life. John McCanless*

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**John McCanless** - December 14, 2013 at 06:43 AM

DB

“ Gertrude - oh my gracious what a wonderfully beautiful spirit this lady had. I worked at First Methodist Church as the secretary back in the early 90's and Gertrude was one of my weekly volunteers. We spent many hours laughing together and talking about absolutely nothing but enjoying every minute of each others company. She always made a point to leave extra early one afternoon a week so she could get home in time to watch Andy Griffin at 4:00. She was the joy of my week and the memories I have of her still brings a smile to my face. I will miss her laughter and smile but Heaven is richer for her presence.  
*Dinah Brandt Brafford*

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**Dinah Brandt Brafford** - December 10, 2013 at 07:55 AM

MS

*Joe, your mother was a beautiful lady and I always enjoyed talking with her. You were totally dedicated to her and I know she was very proud of you.*

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**Marlene Spencer** - December 11, 2013 at 09:11 PM