



## Gordon A. Beaver

December 21, 1929 - April 2, 2019

Gordon A. Beaver, 89, of Salisbury, NC passed away Tuesday, April 2, 2019 at Novant Health Glenn A. Kiser Hospice House.

Mr. Beaver was born December 21, 1929 in Landis, NC, son of Clarence and Ruth Beaver. He graduated from Landis High School, earned a A.B. Degree in music from Catawba College and a Master of Sacred Music from Union Theological Seminary in New York City.

He served as organist-choir master in churches in New York, South Carolina, North Carolina and Tennessee. While serving Ebenezer Lutheran Church in Columbia, SC, he also taught organ and music theory at The University of South Carolina and was also Professor of church Music at Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary.

When he was Organist-Choir Master at St. Mark's Lutheran Church in Charlotte, the congregation gave him and his wife, Joyce, a trip to Taizé, France to study the music of that community.

He moved to Salisbury in 1993 and was Organist-Choir Master at Haven Lutheran Church and for a time was assistant organist at St. John's Lutheran church where he was a member. He played Hand Bells and sang in the choir. One of the things he enjoyed most was teaching reading with the Literacy Council. He taught reading for 13 years.

He is survived by his wife, Joyce Boyd Beaver; son, Mark and wife Edie, and grandson Travis; son, Timothy and wife Laura; son, Michael; son, Christopher and wife Abby and grandson Andrew; step-son Mark Lewis and wife Maria

Henderson Lewis and granddaughter, Rebecca. He has one sister, Loretta McCoy of Charlotte, NC.

The family will receive friends 11 AM - 12 PM Thursday (Apr 4) in Peeler Hall of St. John's Lutheran Church. A funeral service will follow at 12 PM in St. John's Lutheran Church, conducted by Rev. Laura Henrik. Burial will follow at West Lawn Memorial Park.

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

# Cemetery Details

## **West Lawn Memorial Park**

1350 S Main Street  
China Grove, NC 28023

# Tribute Wall

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“ We met Gordon and Joyce shortly after moving to Woodfield in 2002. They are a wonderful couple and we enjoyed many visits with them. Gordon and I had a connection with teaching adults to read with the Rowan Literacy Council. My wife and I hated when they decided to move out of our neighborhood several years ago. Losing Gordon was a shock and we offer prayers for these times to Joyce and all the family and friends. Gordon will be playing the heavenly organ for all to enjoy.

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**Thomas Long** - April 04, 2019 at 11:10 AM