



Grace Crowell Phifer

March 16, 2022

Grace Crowell Phifer, age 82, formerly of Matthews, NC, went to her heavenly home on Wednesday, March 16, 2022 after transitioning to the Glenn A. Kiser Hospice House in Salisbury, NC. She was most recently a resident of Brookdale Lexington assisted living community.

Grace was a native of Charlotte, NC and was the daughter of the late Mariechen Shaw Crowell and Frank Herron Crowell. She was a graduate of Central High School, Kings Business College and attended Central Piedmont Community College. She was employed for many years at Myers Park Baptist Church, retiring in 1997 as Executive Assistant to the Senior Minister. Grace was a member of St. Stephen United Methodist Church where she served on the Board of Trustees, the altar committee, the worship committee, was a Stephen Minister, a member of the joy class and a member of the chancel choir. She had a kind and gentle spirit and was loved by all who knew her. She was a tireless servant and was happiest when she was helping others. She loved her family more than anything. Her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren were the light of her life.

Grace is survived by her son and daughter-in-law, William J. Phifer, III (Chip) and Helen Winston Phifer of Winston-Salem, NC; her daughter and son-in-law, Elizabeth Phifer Fazia (Betsy) and Dr. Robert Brian Fazia of Salisbury, NC; six grandchildren, Megan Phifer and Rachel Phifer of Winston-Salem, NC, William Phifer of Wilmington, NC, Amanda Fazia McMillan and husband Corey McMillan of Cary, NC, Grace Fazia of Raleigh, NC, Wesley Fazia and

wife Madison Fazia of Knoxville, TN; and three great-granddaughters, Isabelle McMillan, Katherine McMillan and Parker Grace Fazia. She was preceded in death by her husband of 62 years, William Joseph Phifer, Jr. (Bill) and her sister, Betty Crowell Edwards of Belmont, NC.

A memorial service for Grace and a celebration of life for both Grace and Bill will be held on Saturday, March 26, 2022 at 2:00 pm at St. Stephen United Methodist Church, 6800 Sardis Road Charlotte, NC. The service will be conducted by Reverend Joseph Aldrich and Reverend Dr. John Blizzard. The family will receive friends from 12:45-1:45 pm in the church's narthex. A private burial will follow the service at Sharon Memorial Park for the family. The family would like to thank the staff at Brookdale Lexington and the staff of the Glenn A. Kiser Hospice House for the love and care they gave to Grace. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be sent to St. Stephen United Methodist Church; Loaves and Fishes ministry (648-B Griffith Road, Charlotte, NC 28217); or the Glenn A. Kiser Hospice House (1229 Statesville Boulevard, Salisbury, NC 28144).

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

Cemetery Details

Sharon Memorial Park

Charlotte, NC

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 26. 12:45 PM - 1:45 PM (ET)

St. Stephen United Methodist Church
6800 Sardis Road
Charlotte, NC

Memorial Service

MAR 26. 2:00 PM (ET)

St. Stephen United Methodist Church
6800 Sardis Road
Charlotte, NC

Tribute Wall



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of Grace Crowell Phifer.



March 25, 2022 at 12:42 PM



“ *The McAdams Family* purchased the *Heavenly Heights Bouquet* for the family of Grace Crowell Phifer.



The McAdams Family - March 25, 2022 at 12:09 PM

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“ My husband Tom and I were so sorry to learn of Grace's death. I worked with her at Myers Park Baptist and was enormously fond of her. She was a wonderful colleague. She was amazingly competent and deeply kind -- she was also hugely funny. I have so many memories of her telling hilarious stories at the staff lunch table and keeping us all laughing.

The obituary said that her family was the light of her life, and I hope you all know how very true that was. She talked of you all constantly and with such deep love. You really were the source of her deepest happiness.

May you be sustained in this time of grief. It is so difficult to lose someone who has loved us so long and so well. May your memories be a comfort and may you continue to feel her love each and every day.

LeDayne Polaski - March 20, 2022 at 07:46 PM