



Helen Waggoner Michael

September 22, 1925 - January 9, 2018

Helen Waggoner Michael, 92, of Salisbury passed away peacefully on January 9, 2018 at The Lutheran Home at Trinity Oaks.

Born Sept. 22, 1925, Salisbury, she was the daughter of the late James M. Waggoner and Julia Johnson Waggoner. She was preceded in death by her beloved husband of 62 years Rev. Don M. Michael; sister Mary Lena Strayhorne and two brothers James Waggoner and Charles Waggoner. She graduated from Boyden High School in Salisbury and Lenoir-Rhyne College in Hickory.

She taught school in Forsyth County two years before marriage. After marriage, she taught school in West Columbia, SC, Norfolk, VA, and Bainbridge, MD. She was a Navy officer's wife for 28 years, while her husband served as a Navy Chaplain. She participated in chapel ministries as member of choirs, Altar Guilds and as advisor to various Naval wives clubs. There were 20 housing moves at various duty stations during her husband's career: Sigonella, Sicily; Long Island, NY; San Diego, Long Beach, San Lorenzo and San Francisco, Calif; Norfolk, VA, Lexington, Mass.; Bainbridge, MD; Parris Island, SC; and Camp LeJeune, Jacksonville, NC.

After her husband's retirement from the Navy, she became an active member of Gloria Dei Lutheran Church in Salisbury. She also volunteered at Rowan Hospital and was a member of Celebrate Life.

She was a devoted wife, mother, grandmother and great-grandmother. She loved to travel, read, play bridge and play the piano.

She is survived by her daughter Julia Hibbard (Dave), son Donnie Michael, two grandsons Daniel Michael (Jenny) and Robert Michael, and two great-grandchildren Nicholas and Kirsten Michael. She is also survived by two brothers Bill Waggoner and Julius Waggoner and many nieces and nephews.

Service and Visitation: A memorial service will be held on Friday, January 12th at 11:00 am at Gloria Dei Lutheran Church with Pastor John Tucker officiating. Visitation and reception will follow in the church fellowship hall.

Memorials: In lieu of flowers, memorials can be made to Gloria Dei Lutheran Church, 1908 Statesville Blvd., Salisbury, NC 28144.

Summersett Funeral Home is assisting the family with funeral arrangements. Online condolences may be made at www.summersettfuneralhome.com.

Previous Events

Service

JAN 12. 11:00 AM (ET)

Gloria Dei Lutheran Church
Salisbury, NC

Tribute Wall

PS

“ *Sister Michael was always had a smile on her face and wanting to help someone.*

John 14:1-3

Pastor Joey Spry - January 13, 2018 at 01:14 AM

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“ *I first met Helen at a Celebration of Life Support group meeting in 203 when I was newly recovering from breast cancer. Over the years her warmth and wit have helped me cope with other personal issues. Her smile, hugs and gentle humor will be sorely missed. My condolences to her family and regrets that I will be unable to attend her services tomorrow. Katherene (Kathy) Kruckel*

Katherene Kruckel - January 11, 2018 at 06:26 PM

BR

“ *know that I am thinking of all you and have you in my thoughts and prayers. Brenda Zimmerman*

brenda - January 10, 2018 at 10:53 PM

NQ

“ *North Buncombe Quarry purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Helen Waggoner Michael.*



North Buncombe Quarry - January 10, 2018 at 01:14 PM

CM

“ Dearest Julia,
Deepest sympathy for the loss of your Mom.
She leaves behind a precious legacy on this
earth with you, her only daughter.
The love of your Mother can never be lost.
May you find peace as you carry her forward in your heart.
You are in my thoughts and prayers.
Sending much love,
Catherine Miller



Catherine Miller - January 10, 2018 at 09:48 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for
the family of Helen Waggoner Michael.



January 10, 2018 at 09:40 AM