



## Mrs. Iona Wade Kesler

March 14, 1929 - May 15, 2014

Iona Wade Kesler, 85, of Salisbury and formerly of Southport, has won the race Thursday, May 15, 2014. She stayed the course and now has claimed her prize, eternity with Jesus and a home in heaven.

A devoted Mother, Grandmother and friend. She was preceded in death by her parents, George Wade and Maggie Wade Poole, and her husband of 60 plus years, Myron Kesler.

Most folks knew her as "Onie" and the nurses and staff of Trinity Oaks treated her so kindly and loved her laughter and affectionate ways. She was an accomplished seamstress for many years on Oak Island and Southport. She loved the beach and moved there in 1986 and returned home 3 years ago to Trinity Oaks.

She is survived by a son, Ronnie Kesler (Sheri) of Southport; daughters, Ann Kesler and Toni Stewart both of Salisbury; brothers, Neal Wade (Sally) of Richmond VA and Buddy Poole (Diane) of Salisbury; eleven grandchildren, 15 great-grandchildren and 5 great great-grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews

The family will receive friends from 1-2 PM Sunday (May 18) at Summersett Funeral Home.

A Celebration of Life will be held at 2 PM Sunday at Summersett Memorial Chapel with the Rev. Robin Albright, minister of Southside Baptist Church, officiating.

A graveside service will be conducted 1:30 PM Monday at Northwood Cemetery, Southport.

A special thanks to Trinity Oaks and her granddaughter, Tina who took excellent care and helped Onie experience joy and happiness.

# Tribute Wall

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“ *Ann Kesler lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Iona Wade Kesler*



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**Ann Kesler** - May 17, 2014 at 07:29 AM

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*Mom, I sure do miss you, but I know you are safe in the arms of Jesus. You were very much loved by family, friends, and a special staff of people who run and work at Trinity Oaks. I saw their sorrow and love as they took care of you this past week. They made sure you were comfortable at all times and many shed tears. You touched many hearts and lives over the years and helped to make me the woman I am today. Thank you Mama for the gift of life you gave to your children, the love you gave us and values of importance you taught us. I will miss you so much, but I rejoice, that you feel no more pain or sorrow. I am trying to imagine what you felt when you saw the Saviors face . I am sure you are still in awe of the beauty that surrounds you. I know you were with the Angels during your journey home and I know many were at the gate waiting on you, with Dad being out front to greet you with the Lord Jesus.*

*Thanks to all for condolences, prayers, words of comfort and a special thanks to Trinity Oaks. Angels of mercy work there.*

*Special thanks also to the staff at Summerset for making Mom look so beautiful and to my best friend Betty for fixing her hair so pretty.*

*I love you Betty. Sorry you cant be at the Celebration, good luck on your test. I pray the results will be favorable.*

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**Ann Kesler** - May 17, 2014 at 07:54 AM

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*Hi Ann, just learned of your mom's passing when Neal passed. I like what you wrote. May God bless and keep you.*

*John 3: 16*

*Robert Bruce Wade, Richmond, Va.*

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**Robert Bruce Wade** - August 07, 2014 at 11:43 PM