



Janet Marie Parrish Cranford

February 12, 1940 - July 9, 2025

Janet Marie Parrish Cranford, 85, of Salisbury passed away Wednesday, July 9, 2025 at her residence.

Janet was born February 12, 1940 in Henderson, NC to the late Lessie McFarland Parrish and Claude Umstead Parrish. She earned her undergraduate degree from West Hampton and a Masters Degree from UNC-Chapel Hill. Janet loved to knit, was an avid reader and loved to work with her flowers and in her yard. She was an owner/operator of several retail stores. She was a member of St. Luke's Episcopal Church and the Rowan County Chamber of Commerce.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her sisters, Claudia Louise Parrish and Betty Jean Knott and brothers-in-law, Vernon Grizzard and Charlie Knott.

Surviving are her daughters, Mary Elizabeth White (Michael) of Raleigh, NC and Jennifer M. Cranford (Alex Bost) of Salisbury, NC; sister, Gaynelle Grizzard of Palm Beach, FL; grandchildren: Dr. Morgan White Wilhelmy (Dr. Bradley), Audrey Green, Emory White and Ethan White and nieces and nephews: Vernon Grizzard, Jr., Bob Grizzard, Bonnie Grizzard, Linda Owens, Donna Knott, Chuck Knott and Susan Ryan.

A graveside service will be held Saturday (July 19) at 11 AM at Chestnut Hill Cemetery, officiated by Steve Thomas and Glenn Taylor.

Memorials may be made to the charity of the donor's choice.

Summersett Funeral Home is serving the Cranford family. Online condolences

may be made at www.summersettfuneralhome.com.

Cemetery Details

Chestnut Hill Cemetery

Salisbury, NC

Previous Events

Graveside Service

JUL 19. 11:00 AM (ET)

Chestnut Hill Cemetery
Salisbury, NC

Tribute Wall

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“ *Carrol Fisher Construction purchased the Basket of Memories for the family of Janet Marie Parrish Cranford.*



Carrol Fisher Construction - July 17, 2025 at 11:06 AM

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“ *North Raleigh & Hilburn Schools purchased the Rainbow Of Remembrance Spray for the family of Janet Marie Parrish Cranford.*



North Raleigh & Hilburn Schools - July 16, 2025 at 08:52 AM

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“ *I am heartbroken as Janet and I have been friends for 60 years. She was a bridesmaid in my wedding and is godmother to my children. I also am godmother to Beth and Jenny. I have watched those two grow into the fine young women they have become. As I no longer had family in Salisbury, I would stay with Janet when I visited. As I told the girls we were like a pair of two old shoes; we shared a great love for reading and we just enjoyed each other's company. R.I.P., my dear friend. I am so sorry for your passing but am thankful to God you are free of worldly pain. Love you and I will truly miss our phone and text chats.*

Kitty Wright - July 10, 2025 at 04:15 PM