



## Mrs. Karen Miller McConnell

April 13, 1950 - March 19, 2015

Karen Miller McConnell went home to her Heavenly Father on March 19, 2015.

Born in Salisbury on April 13, 1950, to Robert and Ruth Miller, she graduated from Boyden High School and went on to get a degree from Kings College in Charlotte NC. Karen had a great passion for history, which led her into a career that included a position as Docent at Hezekiah Alexander Historic Home Site and later at Rosedale Historic Plantation, where she was Curator of Education until retirement. She held leadership positions in various historic associations, was very active in the life and ministry of St Paul's Lutheran church, and volunteered in the community. She was a loving wife, mother and Mamaw. Karen co-authored one book and was doing research on another historical reference. Inspired by events which occurred at the family home place, which she and her husband restored, she was writing a novel based upon the events. She enjoyed reading, photography, researching genealogy, shag dancing, antiquing, church music programs, crafts, and her cats.

Karen is preceded in death by her mother, Ruth Bernhardt Miller. She is survived by her father, Robert Miller, her husband, Stan, sons, Chad (Terri), Jeromy (Nicole), grandchildren, Maddy, Ella, Porter and Sawyer, her sister, Elizabeth Miller (Rick), brother, Frank Miller (Judy), and many other beloved family and friends.

The family will receive visitors at Summerset Funeral Home Saturday night from 6 to 8. The funeral will be at St. Paul's Lutheran Church on Sunday, March 22, 2015 at 3:00 pm with Rev. DJ Lura officiating. Burial will follow at the church cemetery.

The family wishes to express their sincere appreciation for all the love and support shown Karen and the family during her illness.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to St. Paul's Lutheran Church, 205 St. Paul's Church Rd., Salisbury, NC 28146.

# Cemetery Details

## St. Paul's Lutheran Church

205 St. Pauls Church Rd.  
Salisbury, NC 28146

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR 21. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Summersett Funeral Home  
1315 W. Innes St.  
Salisbury, NC 28144  
(704) 633-2111  
<https://www.summersettfuneralhome.com>

## Service

MAR 22. 3:00 PM (ET)

St. Paul's Lutheran Church  
205 St. Pauls Church Rd.  
Salisbury, NC 28146

# Tribute Wall

DT

“ We are so thankful our daughter, Nicole, was blessed with such wonderful in-laws. Karen will be truly missed.

*Mike & Diane Tracey*

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**diane tracey** - March 22, 2015 at 12:28 PM

LD

“ Stan, I am truly sorry for your loss. The time I knew Karen was such a pleasure and inspiration. May the Lord bless you and comfort you. I hope this poem will add some comfort.

*Lenn Daman*

*God saw that She was getting tired,  
A cure was not to be.  
So He put His arms around her  
and whispered, "Come with Me."  
With tearful eyes, you watched her suffer,  
And saw her fade away.  
Although you loved her dearly,  
You could not make her stay.  
A golden heart stopped beating,  
Hard working hands to rest.  
God broke our hearts to prove to us  
He only takes "the best".*

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**Lenn Daman** - March 22, 2015 at 07:16 AM

JM

“ *Stan and Family, My prayers are with you and your family. Karen was such a sweet person and I feel so fortunate to have known her even for a short time. May the many sweet memories each of you have bring you peace during the difficult time. Jan Morris*

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**Jan Morris** - March 21, 2015 at 03:55 PM

SB

“ *Our thoughts & prayers are with you Stan & your family! Karen was a beautiful lady & will be missed by so many! We have such fond memories of the shag lessons you & Karen taught at St. Paul's many years ago!  
May God give you Peace & Comfort during this very difficult time!  
Love in Christ, Terry & Susan Beeker*

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**Susan Beeker** - March 21, 2015 at 03:29 PM

DT

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Mike & Diane Tracey*

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**diane tracey** - March 21, 2015 at 02:58 PM

AD

“ *Anganetta Dover lit a candle in memory of  
Mrs. Karen Miller McConnell*



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**Anganetta Dover** - March 21, 2015 at 07:47 AM



“ *Finest Farewell Spray was purchased for the family of Mrs. Karen Miller McConnell.*



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March 21, 2015 at 07:17 AM



“ *Dear Stan and Family, I am so very sad but also so honored to have know Karen, we go back a long way. I have enjoyed reconnecting with her and getting to know you through Shagging. I loved to watch you both dance. Karen was always smiling and so kind. Her talents were amazing. She was truly special. Your love for each other, memories and faith will help you through this difficult time and days ahead. Prayers for all the family. Love, Martha Bostian*

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**Martha Bostian** - March 20, 2015 at 12:50 PM



“ *Gracious Lavender Basket was purchased for the family of Mrs. Karen Miller McConnell.*



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March 20, 2015 at 11:14 AM