



## Mrs. Karen Nesbit Overcash

June 20, 1951 - October 10, 2015

Mrs. Karen Nesbit Overcash, 64, of Salisbury passed away Saturday, October 10, 2015 at her residence.

Born June 20, 1951 in Concord, she was the daughter of the late Lillian Curlee Nesbit and Ralph Edward Nesbit, Sr.

Mrs. Overcash was educated in the Rowan school system and graduated from South Rowan High School. She received her BA degree in Education from Appalachian State University. She subsequently received her Masters in Education, and her Principal Certification from the University of North Carolina – Charlotte.

She was a teacher that taught at Cleveland Elementary School, West Rowan Middle School, North Rowan Middle School and East Rowan High School before retiring.

Mrs. Overcash was a member of the North Carolina Association of Educators, NC Council of Social Studies, St. Peter's Lutheran Church and she was a member of the Salisbury Ski Club. She was an avid supporter of the Rowan County Humane Society and the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Larry

Wayne Overcash on August 20, 1993, and a brother, Ralph Edward Nesbitt, Jr.

Karen loved people and had an uncanny ability to make new friends. She always made friends and family feel special and loved. As a teacher she was actively involved in student initiatives and enhanced the lives of thousands of students. She enjoyed movies, art, travel, music and dancing. Her favorite things were going to the beach and spending time with family and friends on her home patio.

Those left to cherish her memory are her sons, Dr. J. Scott Overcash and fiancé, Michelle Carcel of San Diego, CA and Justin Phillip Overcash of Davidson; sister, Diane Nesbit Rivers and husband Ray of China Grove; brother, Robert Phillip Nesbit and wife Peggy of Eden; her cherished pets, Sugar and Brittany and dear friend and caregiver, Dawn Holshouser.

The family will receive friends from 7-9 PM, Friday (Oct. 16) at the Summersett Funeral Home.

A memorial service will be conducted 2 PM - Saturday (Oct. 17) at Grace Lutheran Church with the Rev. Jerome Cloninger officiating.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Grace Lutheran Church, 3020 Grace Church Rd., Salisbury, NC 28147, Faithful Friends, PO Box 3097, Salisbury, NC 28145 or American Cancer Society, Rowan Relay for Life, 4-A Oak Branch Drive, Greensboro, NC 27407.

Summersett Funeral Home is assisting the Overcash family. Online condolences may be made at [www.summersettfuneralhome.com](http://www.summersettfuneralhome.com)

# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT 16. 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

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

## Memorial Service

OCT 17. 2:00 PM (ET)

Grace Lutheran Church  
3020 Grace Church Rd.  
Salisbury, NC 28147  
[office@summersettfuneral.com](mailto:office@summersettfuneral.com)

# Tribute Wall



“ *Chrissie Elliott lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Karen Nesbit Overcash*



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**Chrissie Elliott** - October 17, 2015 at 10:31 AM



“ *Mrs. Overcash was the most beautiful teacher at North Rowan Middle during the 90's. She stole the show every yaer! She was a classy, elegant lady..she was a superb educator and I will never EVER forget her. I love you Mrs. Overcash may God bless you.*



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**Quita Robinson** - October 16, 2015 at 03:44 PM



“ *Sweet Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Mrs. Karen Nesbit Overcash.*



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October 15, 2015 at 07:39 PM



“ Beautiful Whisper was purchased for the family of Mrs. Karen Nesbit Overcash.



October 15, 2015 at 03:44 PM



“ I taught with Karen at WRMS for several years. Not only was she a wonderful, caring teacher but also a great friend! My husband and I shared some good times with her and Larry. I am so saddened to learn of her death and extend my heartfelt sympathy to her family. May God give you peace and comfort during this difficult time  
Linda Deaver

Linda Deaver - October 15, 2015 at 02:03 PM



“ Mrs. Overcash was a teacher of mine in middle school. She had such a caring heart. You will be missed. Prayers for your family.



Sherry Earnhardt - October 15, 2015 at 12:45 PM



“ Sentimental Dreams was purchased for the family of Mrs. Karen Nesbit Overcash.



October 14, 2015 at 07:19 PM

HE

“ *Mrs. Overcash was one of my very favorite teachers. I remember her as a beautiful lady with a sparkling personality. My deepest condolences go out to her family and friends.* ”



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**Heather** - October 14, 2015 at 05:45 PM

SG

“ *Condolences to the family. You will be in my thoughts and prayers.* ”

*She was a wonderful teacher and friend. She was always there for her students no matter what. She will be truly missed. Heaven has gained another angel.*



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**Susie Guthrie** - October 14, 2015 at 03:15 PM

LD

“ *Mrs. Overcash was a sweet lady she was my teacher at North Rowan she cared about the well being of her students my thoughts and prayers are with the family* ”



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**Leslie Dalton** - October 14, 2015 at 01:41 PM

 Tika Davis

“ *Tika Davis lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Karen Nesbit Overcash* ”



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**Tika Davis** - October 14, 2015 at 11:11 AM

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Davis

“ *Ms. Overcash was a wonderful lady, and teacher. I was a student of hers at North rowan middle school. She made learning fun, and was always very kind and caring to all who knew her.*



Tika Davis - October 14, 2015 at 11:10 AM



“ *Karen and I taught together at North Middle School - she also lived across the street!! I remember her beautiful laughter ringing out whether I was actually on the patio or at home! Justin (such a wonderful kid) and my boys worked on their hoops in my driveway ~~ She was a teacher her kids will never forget.. She always, always just 'sparkled' & I'm sure she's doing exactly that right now.*



Patti Justin - October 14, 2015 at 10:11 AM

MI

“ *Dearest Karen, there are no words to say how much you will be missed. You were so vibrant and so loved. You will be in our hearts forever. Love you.*



Michelle - October 13, 2015 at 10:33 PM

LB

“ *Linda H. Brown sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Karen Nesbit Overcash*



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**Linda H. Brown** - October 13, 2015 at 06:37 PM

LB

*I only met her a handful of times but I remember how pretty she was and what an outgoing personality she had!*

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**Linda H. Brown** - October 16, 2015 at 02:58 PM