



Kathy Snyder Duke

May 5, 1929 - March 23, 2024

Kathy Snyder Duke, 94, of Salisbury, passed away March 23, 2024, at her home with her family by her side.

Born May 5, 1929 in Wilkes County, NC, she was the daughter of the late Wiley Thomas Snyder and Nora McNeil Snyder. A 1954 graduate of the Rowan Hospital Nursing School, she trained in pediatrics at General Hospital in Washington, DC before transferring to the UNC-Chapel Hill Hospital as a pediatric nurse.

Kathy was the daughter of a WWI veteran wounded in France and realized her true calling was to serve our veterans. In 1958, she was hired by the Salisbury VA, earning certifications in Med Surge, Critical Care, Mental Health and Geriatrics. She received multiple accommodations during her 41-year career, serving veterans from WWI through Desert Freedom.

She was a member of First United Methodist Church in Salisbury.

Left to cherish her memory are her husband of 66 years, James "Jay" W. Duke; son, David J. Duke (Connie); sister, Betty Snyder McClure; grandchildren, Carol Duke Young (Cy), James A. Duke, Kristen Collins, Leah Welborn (Cody) and great-grandchildren, Raegan Young, Eli Young and Isla Welborn.

There will be a private service and burial will be at the Old Chapel Hill Cemetery at UNC-Chapel Hill at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be given to the Alzheimer's Association (alz.org) or Homes For Our Troops (hfotusa.org).

Summersett Funeral Home is serving the Duke family. Online condolences may be made at www.summersettfuneralhome.com.

Tribute Wall

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“ To Jay, David, and family,
We are so sorry for your loss. Your family has always been very special to our family. We will keep you in our prayers. May God bring you peace.
Judy Coble and Kathy (Coble) Allen

Judy Coble - March 27, 2024 at 10:23 AM

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“ I will always have very fond memories of Aunt Kathy. My condolences to Uncle Jay, David and Connie, Carol Ann and Cy, Jay and the entire family. —Cousin Mike-Michael C. Snyder

Michael C. Snyder - March 26, 2024 at 07:37 AM

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“ Kathy was such a warm and loving aunt. I cherish the memories of her taking David and me to the park and laughing with her at family gatherings.

Barbara McGeachy - March 25, 2024 at 12:05 PM