



Lana Wade Downey

September 3, 1943 - February 2, 2022

Lana Wade Downey, 78, of Salisbury, passed away Wednesday, February 2, 2022 at the Novant Health Glenn A. Kiser Hospice House with her husband of 56 years, Carol William Downey by her side.

Born September 3, 1943 in Atlanta, GA, she was a daughter of the late Lanford Q. Wade and Elizabeth Kell Wade.

Lana was a special education teacher and taught at West Haralson Junior High in Tallapoosa, GA and at Knox Middle, Hanford Dole Elementary and other schools in Rowan County, NC. She tutored privately and through Salisbury Academy. After retiring, she continued to tutor students until her mid-70's. She was one of the first Orton-Gillingham instructors in the county and helped spread O-G through the school system. She loved her students dearly and helped over one thousand students with their reading and math issues.

In addition to her husband she is survived by sons, Curtis William Downey and wife Mary Beth, Wade Downey and wife Eileen; grandchildren, Spencer and wife Lauren, Cecily, Perry, Sam, Finn, Luke and Conn.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Nazareth Children's Home, P.O. Box 1438, Rockwell, NC 28138.

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

Tribute Wall

MR

“ Lana and I worked together at North Rowan Middle School and it was a joy to be with her. The kids in the classroom called us sisters because we were so much alike. We wore the same color tops or blouses and several times we wore the same outfits. Surprisingly the boys said we were all one big family and respected Lana for her values. She had ten rules that we read from the board every morning and expected them to be followed. She changed many students lives and they wanted to learn from her. After lunch we always read books that they would never have been exposed to. I so admired her and her love for the students. She crouched me some Christmas ornaments and I think of her every year I put them on our tree. I'll always think of Lana with love and the love of teaching. She definitely was a special lady and God put her here for a purpose. I'm glad I had the privilege of knowing her and she actually made an impact on my life. Her special needs training and helping these students, many changed their life, were impressive. I'm so sorry for your loss but I'm sure you have many special memories.

Mary Lou Rabon - March 18, 2022 at 01:33 PM



Thank you for that note, Mary Lou. Mom valued your friendship so much, especially your help to us during the first couple of years in Salisbury when we were so far away from everyone we'd known. -- Wade

Wade Downey - February 03, 2023 at 07:27 AM



“ [https://www.summersettfuneralhome.com/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518"; target="_blank">Memorial Trees was purchased for the family of Lana Wade Downey.](https://www.summersettfuneralhome.com/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518)

February 07, 2022 at 04:25 PM

VE

“ Lana was such a blessing for our family. She tutored our daughter for two years and it changed her life. Prayers for all of her friends and family.

Vest - February 06, 2022 at 09:54 PM



“ Lana & Carol are some of my most favorite customers at Sweet Meadow Cafe! Unfortunately, since Covid-19 & also my parting from the restaurant, I have not gotten to see Ms. Lana in well over a year. I was devastated to hear of her passing. Lana was such a sweet lady, so fun & thoughtful, and I looked forward to seeing her every Sunday. I will always carry with me such wonderful memories of Mrs. Downey! Love & miss you, Lana!

Heather Coarsey - February 05, 2022 at 11:20 AM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Lana Wade Downey.



February 04, 2022 at 07:47 PM

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Eileen Downey - February 04, 2022 at 10:49 AM

CM

Love these pictures. So sorry to hear about Lana. Carol enjoyed so much getting to know her and you when I was at Piedmobt Floral. Always enjoyed it when yall came in. God Bless you and your family. Love, Prayers and Hugs from Carol that worked at Piedmont Floral.

Carol Mcombs - February 06, 2022 at 09:20 AM

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“ *The Ben Gideon family purchased the Sweet Reembrance Spray for the family of Lana Wade Downey.*



The Ben Gideon family - February 03, 2022 at 06:48 PM

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Eileen Downey - February 03, 2022 at 05:30 PM

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Lana with Kelda and cousin, Chip

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Lana, Kelda, and Lysanne at Kelda's wedding

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