



Mrs Laura Hays Frazier

April 11, 2015

Laura Hays Frazier of Salisbury, NC died Saturday evening, April 11, 2015 after being in declining health for several years.

Born in Durham, NC to Marion Duncan Hays and Robert Samuel Hays, Laura graduated from St. Mary's School and Junior College in Raleigh, NC and in 1954 from the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill with a degree in journalism. In Chapel Hill, she met the love of her life, John Wesley Frazier, Junior of Salisbury, a decorated Korean War U.S. Air Force fighter pilot and outstanding amateur golfer who played for Carolina. They married in 1955. Laura was a devoted wife, mother and volunteer in various community organizations who enjoyed family outings including golf, traveling, and being with friends.

After John died in 1979, Laura emerged as one of Salisbury's recognized leaders and business women. Specializing in residential real estate, Laura organized her own company known as Laura Frazier Realty. Her successful business was based on a reputation of market knowledge, hard work ethic, and the privacy she provided her clients. During her career as a Realtor she served as a director and President of the Salisbury Board of Realtors, a member of the Chamber of Commerce and Merchants Association, and as an advisor on the Real Estate Advisory Committee for Rowan-Cabarrus Community College.

Laura was also an active community volunteer and civic leader. She was a past president of the Women of First Presbyterian Church, a former director of the United Arts Council and the Rowan County YMCA, and a board member on the local board of NCNB. Laura was a former director at Salisbury Country Club where, in 1969, she was the Women's Golf Champion defeating her daughter, Laura. In addition, Laura served on the Board of Visitors of Catawba College and was a member of the English Speaking Society. Laura was also a proud and participating member of the Oasis Book Club.

Preceding Laura in death were her parents, husband, and her two brothers, Robert Samuel Hays, Junior, and Julius Duncan Hays.

She is survived by her two children, Laura Frazier Norman (Dean) of Greensboro, NC and John Wesley Frazier (Mary Bryan) of Burlington, NC, and her sister, Marion Hays McNair (Jim) of Laurinburg, NC. Laura was a wonderful and caring grandmother to her four grandchildren: Dean Graham Norman, Junior, Sara (Sally) Austin Norman, John Wesley Frazier, IV, and James Frederick Frazier.

Laura and her family have requested no flowers. Memorials may be sent to First Presbyterian Church of Salisbury, 308 W. Fisher St., Salisbury, NC 28144 and St. Mary's School, 900 Hillsborough St., Raleigh, NC 27603.

Laura's family and friends will forever be grateful for her caregivers: Barbara Woods, Johnsie Wilson, Tara Blake, Shireda Fleming and Portia Young.

A memorial service will be held at First Presbyterian Church at 2 PM Wednesday (April 15), conducted by Rev. Dr. Jim Dunkin. The family will receive friends following the service in Lewis Hall.

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

Previous Events

Service

APR **15**. 2:00 PM (ET)

First Presbyterian Church
308 W. Fisher St.
Salisbury, NC 28144

Tribute Wall

JR

“ *Laura, John & family -- I am so sorry for your loss.*

All of my memories of Mrs. Frazier are and will forever be that of the beautiful, gracious lady that enjoyed life with a smile, and loved her children endlessly.

My thoughts and prayers are with you.

Jon Rufty

Jon Rufty - April 23, 2015 at 06:00 PM

JN

“ *Laura and John,
So Sorry to hear about your Mother. She was a lovely lady and I remember she
was one of the first friends to comfort us when my mother died.
Thoughts and prayers to you and yours.*

*Jenna Thurston Nash
Chapel Hill, NC*

Jenna Nash - April 16, 2015 at 07:02 PM

HS

“ *I'm so sorry for to hear of your mom's passing. I have wonderful memories of her in the neighborhood and at the Y. She was so fun to talk with and always someone who I admired. A woman of strength and character!*

Sincerely, Heather & Gray Stout

Heather Stout - April 14, 2015 at 09:20 PM

SM

“ Dear Laura and Johnny... I have so many fond memories of 'Mamma La' and all the great times we spent together that I wouldn't even know where to start to reminisce. Just know that we are sending lots of love and prayers to you and your families. Shirley & Phil Martin

Shirley Martin - April 14, 2015 at 01:45 PM

CN

“ John and Laura, I am very sorry for your loss. I can still remember the very potent egg nog that your mom would make at Christmas. She was a lovely lady. Carol, Robert, Stewart Norman

Carol Nrman - April 14, 2015 at 10:35 AM

MH

“ John and Laura, I am deeply sorry to read of the death of your mother. Please accept my deepest condolences. Mrs. Frazier left an amazing legacy for you to cherish. Although losing a loved one is never easy to deal with, our loving Heavenly Father gives each of us the needed strength to cope. May you experience HIS loving care and comfort as you move through this sad time.

Minnie Hemphill - April 14, 2015 at 07:43 AM

 Julia Huntley

“ What a beautiful lady, both inside and out. My sincerest sympathy. Julia Carpenter Huntley

Julia Huntley - April 13, 2015 at 07:35 PM



“ *Laura and John, I am very sorry for your loss. I can recall your Mother from when we were in school together and what a good mother and business woman she was. You will both be in my prayers.*

---Rusty Greenland

Robert Greenland - April 13, 2015 at 06:57 PM