



LaVerne Sharpe Leonard

June 1, 1924 - October 16, 2012

Mrs. LaVerne Sharpe “Doby” Leonard, 88, passed away peacefully Tuesday, October 16, 2012 at Genesis Healthcare of Salisbury.

Born June 1, 1924 in Spencer, NC, she was the youngest child of the late Lacy Monroe and Lizzie Hatley Sharpe of Spencer.

She graduated from Spencer High School, Class of 1942, where she starred in and later coached basketball. Mrs. Leonard was formerly employed in retail sales at Belk-Harry Co. and Mack’s Stores and later, a homemaker.

A life-long member of Central United Methodist Church in Spencer, she was formerly active in the Kirby Bible Class, Morning Group, United Methodist Women and a leader in the Methodist Youth Fellowship.

Mrs. Leonard was preceded in death on May 19, 2001 by husband of 59 years, John Edward “Ed” Leonard whom she married on June 6, 1942.

Surviving are sons, John R. “Randy” Leonard and wife Josie of Myrtle Beach, SC and Richard S. “Rick” Leonard and wife Carol of Salisbury; two grandchildren: Kent T. Leonard and wife Lynn of Charlotte and Kim L. Miller and husband Brad of Gold Hill; great-granddaughter, Meghan Leonard; sister, Louise S. Riley of Spencer, and a number of nieces and nephews.

A visitation will be held at Summersett Funeral Home on Friday (Oct 19) from 6:30-8 PM.

A Graveside Funeral Service will be held at 3 PM Saturday (Oct 20) at Rowan Memorial Park, conducted by Rev. Nate Leonard, of First Baptist Church of Kannapolis.

Memorials to NC Transportation Museum Foundation, PO Box 44, Spencer, NC 28159 or Central United Methodist Church Building and Maintenance Fund, PO Box 203, Spencer, NC 28159.

The family would like to thank the staff of Genesis Healthcare for their kind and dedicated service while she resided in their care.

Summersett Funeral Home is serving the Leonard family.

Tribute Wall



“ On behalf of the nascent Sharpe Family Reunion, I would like to express our sorrow at the passing of a granddaughter of John William Sharpe and Sophia Catherine Albright.

From Doby's obituary we are consoled to learn that Doby was a wonderful Christian woman and surely her savior has received her into His arms.

Condolences to all who grieve for Doby at this time.##imported-begin##John Sharpe##imported-end##

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“ Randy and Josie, Rick and Carol and families,
We are thinking of you and sending heartfelt sympathy to all of you at this time. We know that you all have wonderful memories to share that will sustain you now and in the days to come.
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