



## Martha Owens Gettys

November 19, 1936 - May 23, 2026

Martha Owens Gettys, of Spencer, NC died Saturday, May 23, 2026 at Terra Bella Assisted Living.

Born November 19, 1936 in Chattanooga, TN she was the daughter of the late Hurley Marcus Owens and Mary Hall Owens.

Martha was a graduate of Boyden High School, class of 1955. She worked as a telephone operator with Southern Bell and later as a librarian with the Town of Spencer and North Rowan Primary School until her retirement. Martha was the First Lady of Spencer and supported her husband, Buddy, in every aspect of his life and especially as the Mayor of Spencer. She enjoyed oil painting, was an avid reader, and enjoyed watching old movies. She was an active member with the Spencer JayCees. Mrs. Gettys was a member of the Spencer Presbyterian Church and served as an ordained elder.

She is preceded in death by her husband, Edgar Walter "Buddy" Gettys; brother, Richard Owens; and sister, Marinelle Click.

Mrs. Gettys is survived by her sons, Randy Gettys (Sara) of Spencer, NC, Ryan Gettys (Paula) of Hickory, NC; grandchildren, Stefan Gettys, Maggie Hall (Jack), Lucy Gettys; and great grandchild, Grahm Gettys; along with childhood friends, Sandra Roakes and Shirley Edwards who, as a child, she would roller skate with to the Cheerwine distributor and hope for a Cheerwine, before making her way to the movie theatre for the day.

The family will receive friends from 11:30AM-12:30PM, Saturday, May 30, 2026 at Spencer Presbyterian Church . A Celebration of Life will be at

12:30PM on Saturday in Spencer Presbyterian Church.

Memorials may be made to Spencer Presbyterian Church, PO Box 4,  
Spencer, NC 28159.

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

# Upcoming Events

## Visitation

MAY 30. 11:30 AM - 12:30 PM (ET)

Spencer Presbyterian Church  
Spencer, NC 28159

## Celebration of Life

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