



## Martha Hartley Platt

June 6, 1923 - September 10, 2017

Martha Rhea Hartley Platt, 94, of Salisbury, passed away Sunday, September 10, 2017 at the Lutheran Home at Trinity Oaks.

Born in Rowan County on June 6, 1923, she was the daughter of Lela Monroe Hartley and Clarence Equila Hartley.

She was a lifelong member of Mt. Tabor United Methodist Church and had also attended First United Methodist Church in recent years.

An accomplished musician, she was active in the church choir as a tenor voice and pianist. She and her sister, Mary Elizabeth Simmerson, along with Russ McIntyre, sang weekly on WSTP radio during the war years of 1940-1945.

Her most proud achievement was being the first college graduate of her family. She actually graduated from Catawba College in 1959, but walked across the stage to receive her diploma by special invitation from President Joe Oxendine in 2011 at the age of 87.

A retired school teacher, Martha taught at Ellis Cross-Roads, Churchland, High Point and Winston-Salem.

She married Julian "Jim" Platt, a retired career US Army veteran, who preceded her in death in 1994. She will be buried with him at the Salisbury National Cemetery.

In addition to her husband, she was preceded in death by her parents; brothers, Curtis Hartley and Bob Hartley and her sister, Mary Elizabeth Simmerson.

Surviving her are one step-daughter, Cathy Bolander and one step-granddaughter, Emma Bolander, of Portland, Oregon; sister-in-law, Ann Hartley, along with numerous cousins, nieces and nephews.

The family will receive friends at Summersett Funeral Home on Thursday, September 14, 2017 from 11:30 AM – 12:30 PM.

A graveside service will follow at 1:00 PM at the Salisbury National Cemetery 202 Government Road. Salisbury, NC, officiated by Rev. Dr. Mark Conforti, Minister of First United Methodist Church.

Expressions of thanks and appreciation are extended to Jean Gaston and The Staff at Trinity Oaks for their love and care given to Martha.

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

# Previous Events

## Visitation

SEP 14. 11:30 AM - 12:30 PM (ET)

Summersett Funeral Home  
1315 W. Innes St.  
Salisbury, NC 28144  
(704) 633-2111  
<https://www.summersettfuneralhome.com>

## Service

SEP 14. 1:00 PM (ET)

Summersett Memorial Chapel  
1315 W. Innes St.  
Salisbury, NC 28144