



## Mary Ann "Marley" Close-Crane

February 19, 1933 - May 30, 2025

Mary Ann "Marley" Close-Crane, of Salisbury, NC died peacefully at her home on Friday, May 30, 2025.

Born February 19, 1933 in Bedford, IN she was the daughter of the late George James Skeval and Katherine Julia Heffron Skeval.

Stephen Crane, her most marvelous and most beloved husband, predeceased her on September 15, 2009. She was blessed by her good and dearly loved children: son, Chip (Nan) Close, predeceased son, Jeffrey (Carolyn) Close, daughters, Megan Close and Elizabeth Close-Dierksheide; her adored grandchildren: Garrett and (Nancy) Close, Caitlin and (Chris) Rod, Jake and (Morgan) Close, Cody Close, Caroline, Julia, Linnea, and Christian Dierksheide; magnificent great grandchildren: Shannon, Alice, and Kara Close, Charlie and Cassidy Rod, and Charley Close. Her brother, James and his wife Joann Skeval (both predeceased her) presented her with 5 wonderful nephews who in turn married 5 wonderful women, who in turn bore 18 great nieces and nephews and at least one great-great niece. All of these beautiful people who fill this tired old world with their grace and goodness.

She is forever grateful to her family and dear friends who made her life so complete and filled with great delight. A special thanks to God for such beauty and wonder! She wants you to know it was a very nice time.

A memorial service for Mrs. Close-Crane will be held at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to [info@digdeep.org](mailto:info@digdeep.org); a community-led project that brings clean, hot and cold water directly in to homes.

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

# Tribute Wall

RF

“ I did Marley’s hair for many years when she lived in Illinois. She was the most well read woman that was so filled with wisdom. I loved our conversations even after she moved to North Carolina, I loved our Email exchanges. She will be missed however her relationship with God I know she is at peace.

Rita Ferretti - January 05 at 01:29 PM

DH

“ Elizabeth, We are so sorry for the loss of your mom. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your entire family.  
Darlene and Johnny 💔

Darlene Hudson - June 02, 2025 at 05:42 PM

SK

“ Susan Kile lit a candle in memory of Mary Ann Close-Crane



Susan Kile - June 02, 2025 at 01:56 PM

ML

“ Megan, I am so sorry for your loss. David and I are sending prayers to you and your family for peace and comfort.

Mary Lewellyn - June 02, 2025 at 12:05 PM



“ 1 file added to the album *Memories Album*



---

**Summersett Funeral Home and Cremation Center** - June 01, 2025 at 04:03 PM