



Mrs Mary Ann Sturkey Greenland

November 17, 1930 - January 11, 2015

Mrs. Mary Ann Sturkey Greenland, 84 died in her home in Salisbury on January 11, 2015. She had been in declining health for over three weeks. Mrs. Greenland was born on November 17, 1930 in Salisbury to the late Ralph Jefferson and Lucille Humphreys Sturkey. She was preceded in death by brothers Ralph J. Sturkey, Jr. of Salisbury; Lawrence H. Sturkey of Charlotte, NC; and Charles E. Sturkey of Rock Hill, SC.

Mrs. Greenland graduated from Boyden High School, Salisbury, Class of 1949. After attending some college courses at Catawba College in Salisbury, she went to work as a bank teller at Security Bank and Trust Company and quickly developed a passion for finance and accounting. Mrs. Greenland worked hard and ascended up to the position of Senior Teller and was responsible for all daily reconciliation and close out actions. Mary Ann married her “sweetheart” and husband of 60 years, Robert Russell (Bob) Greenland on December 19, 1954. They met while singing together in the choir at First Methodist Church – a great American story. Shortly thereafter, they started a family together in Salisbury.

In 1972 and after her children were older, Mary Ann went back to work at James Animal Hospital (JAH), Salisbury as a bookkeeper and veterinary assistant where she was able to combine her financial experience with her deep love of animals, which she learned from her father. After working for 20

years at JAH, Mary Ann retired in 1992. Mary Ann loved God, she had a very strong faith, she loved her family, and she loved her church. She was a member of the Daisy Hedrick Sunday School Class, she enjoyed cooking, and she loved preparing meals for family celebrations with her church friends. Mary Ann loved history. She was a member of the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) and the United Daughters of the Confederacy (UDC). She achieved UDC "Real Granddaughter" status from her grandfather's service to Company B, Hampton Legion, South Carolina.

Mary Ann was a loving mother and wife. She believed in teaching her children about the importance of good manners, good morals, and good values. She was a "patriot"; she loved her country; she believed in the importance of honoring the service and sacrifices of all veterans; she believed in respecting all of those individuals holding elected office; and she believed in respecting the views of ALL individuals regardless of their backgrounds, beliefs or political affiliations.

Mrs. Greenland is survived by her beloved husband of 60 years, Robert R. (Bob) Greenland of Salisbury, NC; a sister, Mrs. Margaret Chandler of Oak Ridge, TN.; sisters-in-law, Eloise Sturkey of Jupiter, FL and Bonnie Sturkey of Charlotte, NC; three sons, Robert Russell (Rusty) Greenland of San Antonio, TX., Benjamin Lawrence Greenland (Anita) of Greensboro, NC., and Bruce Edward Greenland of Woodbridge, VA.; two awesome grandchildren, Rachel Ann Greenland and Joseph Robert Greenland of Greensboro.

The family would like to express a profound debt of gratitude to Mrs. Greenland's healthcare team: her loyal friend, "debate" partner, and primary care physician, Dr. Myron Goodman and wife Mary; longtime family friend and fellow Yankees' fan Dr. H. Boyd Watts and wife Krista; Ms. Sheila Sherrill; and all of the devoted, highly professional, loving, and caring staff at the Trinity Oaks Retirement Community in Salisbury. You make a difference every day

and we love you!

Visitation: The family will receive friends from 6-7:30 PM Thursday (Jan. 15) at Summersett Funeral Home.

Service: A funeral service will be held 1 PM Friday (Jan. 16) at First United Methodist Church, conducted by Rev. Dr. Mark Conforti and Rev. Rhonda Hermann. Burial will follow at Chestnut Hill Cemetery.

Memorials: In lieu of flowers, the family would like to request all memorials be directed to First United Methodist Church, Attn: New Building Fund, 217 S. Church St., Salisbury, NC 28144.

Cemetery Details

Chestnut Hill Cemetery

Salisbury, NC

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 15. 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM (ET)

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

Service

JAN 16. 1:00 PM (ET)

First United Methodist Church
217 S. Church St.
Salisbury, NC 28144

Tribute Wall

IE

“ Dear Bruc,
Please accept our deepest sympathy on your mother's passing.
May wonderful memories bring you and your family comfort and
peace, and may God's love help lighten your sorrow.
Irene and Ed

Irene and Ed - January 18, 2015 at 12:25 PM

MC

“ Bruce, we were so sad to hear tonight from Pam that your dear
Mom had passed. We send our deepest sympathies to you, your
Dad and your family. Please be assured of our prayers for all of you.
Though we never had the opportunity to meet your Mom, we were
united in spirit by sharing a love of God and of the Yankees, too.
Your friends, John and Mary

Mary Cannarella - January 17, 2015 at 08:06 PM

CB

“ Bruce, we are saddened to learn of your Mother's passing. Our
deepest condolences to you and to your family during this time of
loss.

Chris Bryson & Cynthia Swope

Christopher Bryson - January 15, 2015 at 02:17 PM

DY

“ Please accept our condolences on the passing of your Mother. May
God embrace you and your family in comfort during this difficult
time. Teresa & Dennis York

dennis york - January 14, 2015 at 08:59 PM

RP

“ *Mary Ann Greenland was an accomplished woman, devoted wife and wonderful mother. Our heartfelt sympathies are for her family.*
Russ and Sandra Plummer

Russell Plummer - January 14, 2015 at 08:20 AM



“ *Fairest of All was purchased for the family of Mrs Mary Ann Sturkey Greenland.*



January 13, 2015 at 07:52 PM

MJ

“ *Dear Rusty, Ben and Bruce ...*

Your mother was a wonderful woman and a joy to know. She was such a good friend and sister-in-law to my mother. I know Mom will miss her very much.

During our most recent move I lost my address book so I hope you will understand that I will be unable to send you individual cards.

All our love to you during this time of grief. Your mother is in God's care (and probably her big brother's Ralph too!)

*Love,
Marcia*

Marcia Jackson-Finn - January 13, 2015 at 07:37 PM

VB

“ Rusty, Ben and Bruce - So sorry for the loss of your Mom. I know birthdays won't be the same for the Helms family. We always looked forward to the "Mary Ann Greenland Birthday Card". We saved that one to open last because it was definitely the best and funniest card we received. We could tell she spent lots of time picking out the perfect card and we tried our best to send her the appropriate card for her birthday, but I'm sure we missed the mark every time. We loved your Mom and were always happy to see her. She was a joy and a pleasure to be around. Mary Ann was a wonderful woman and all of us will really miss her. Vicki Helms Butler

Vicki Butler - January 13, 2015 at 01:05 PM