



Mary Ann Leonard Whitley

May 11, 1959 - April 19, 2026

Mary Ann Leonard Whitley, 66, of Salisbury, NC and Hillsville, VA passed away Sunday, April 19, 2026 at the Gordon Hospice House in Statesville, NC. Mary Ann was born May 11, 1959 in Rowan Co, NC to the late Charles Edward Leonard, Sr. and Eunice Catherine Branch Leonard. To know Mary Ann was to love her. She was vibrant, caring, and full of life—known for her playful spirit, her unmistakable whistle that could quiet any room, and a smile so bright it made her eyes disappear. Above all, she was a devoted wife, a loving mother, and a proud “Granna.”

Left to cherish her memory is her husband of 46 years, Randy Whitley; son, Dylan Whitley (Nealeigh) of Salisbury, NC; daughter, Catherine Tinsley (Alex) of Brevard, NC; brothers, Johnny Leonard of Salisbury, NC and Charlie Leonard (Amy) of Salisbury, NC; sisters, Barbara Jean Rosenbaum (Phil) of Mount Pleasant, SC and Joan Summers (Jim) of Woodleaf, NC and four grandchildren: Presleigh Cope Whitley, Stevie Elizabeth Whitley, Charlie Ann Whitley and Ava Cope Tinsley.

The family will receive friends from 2-3 PM Wednesday (April 22) at Summersett Funeral Home.

Summersett Funeral Home is serving the Whitley family. Online condolences may be made at www.summersettfuneralhome.com.

Previous Events

Visitation

APR **22**. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

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

Tribute Wall

JC

“ To Randy and family, I am so sorry for your loss. May you find peace during this difficult time.

Judy Coble - April 22 at 11:41 AM

JE

“ Jeff and everyone planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mary Ann Leonard Whitley.

Jeff and everyone - April 21 at 05:19 PM

JE

“ Jeff and everyone purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Mary Ann Leonard Whitley.



Jeff and everyone - April 21 at 05:19 PM

MV

“ To all of you, her dear family, my heartfelt condolences go out to each of you ~ brothers, sisters, husband, children, grandchildren and all her close friends. I just loved Mary Ann. We go way back to old Sacred Heart days and YMCA summer days. Prayers now and forever for Mary Ann
Love,
Michele and Michael Vaeth

Michele E Vaeth - April 20 at 01:38 PM

DP

“ Mary Ann was a caring coworker and a super lovely person. I know Loreen is feeling similar right now. It pains me to know she's no longer with us. Zimmerman's was a big family, and she was a beloved family member. My thoughts are with Joan. Charlie, Johnny, Loreen, Randy and so many others. One of Maggi's cousins used the word "gutted," when Maggi passed. It definitely applies here, too. We sorely miss you already.... love you. David

David Parker - April 20 at 01:30 PM

KD

“ We were honored to know Mary Ann, Randy and Cat when our girls played travel softball together! Cat and our daughter Taylor were great teammates and we loved knowing Mary Ann and Randy! Such a sweet family! We spent a lot of time together on the weekends traveling! Those were definitely treasured memories that we will forever hold dear in our hearts! Please know we are thinking of you all and truly are saddened by Mary Ann's passing! We pray for you all during this sad time! ❤️ Darian and Kristy Dotson

Kristy Dotson - April 19 at 04:27 PM

CA

“ I'm in shock, I just loved Mary Ann, so did my mother and I need to let David know he'll be heartbroken. Joan and family I'm so sorry for your loss, she was the little sister.

Catherine - April 19 at 04:00 PM

DP

“ My deepest condolences to Mary Ann's family. She was always so kind and I enjoyed being her classmate. I worked at the hospital when she worked there back in the mid 80's and enjoyed seeing her there as well. Gone too soon!

Diane Coates Peoples - April 19 at 01:34 PM

JT

“ *My sweet cousin Mary Ann was the happiest person I have ever known. Her sparkling smile and love for life were blessings to all who knew her. She holds a cherished place in our hearts and will be forever missed. Jane and Bobby Tanner; Corey, Peter and Eliza Jane Winn*

Jane Tanner - April 19 at 01:22 PM