



Mary Henderson Messinger

November 2, 1923 - July 3, 2017

Mrs. Mary Henderson Messinger, 93, of Salisbury, NC passed away Monday, July 3, 2017 at The Lutheran Home at Trinity Oaks.

Born November 2, 1923 in Buffalo, New York to the late John Steele Henderson and Ruth King Henderson, she was a homemaker.

Mrs. Messinger was a member of St. Luke's Episcopal Church since 1959.

She served in many roles for the church including being a longtime member of the Altar Guild, and a trustee on the St. Luke's Foundation.

Perhaps her greatest love was the Salisbury Symphony. She helped to found the symphony 50 years ago, and has supported it ever since. She was the first President of the Salisbury Symphony Guild that was established in 1976.

Mrs. Messinger was a trustee for Catawba College for over 20 years. She was recognized as a Member Emeritus of the Board of Trustees.

She was a strong supporter of the Piedmont Players Theatre for over 50 years. In all of her endeavors, she was known for her tireless work "behind the scenes" in support of her chosen organization. For that exact reason, Mrs. Messinger was elected to the NCGOP Hall of Fame in 1999.

Mrs. Messinger was preceded in death by her husband Richard Dwight Messinger; son, Peter King Messinger; and sister, Ruth Henderson Critchlow.

Surviving are her sons, Dwight F. Messinger and wife Deborah; Timothy S. Messinger and wife Ellen; and Stephen A. Messinger and wife Sandra; and 6 grandchildren: Trevor R. Messinger, Alexander S. Messinger and wife Katherine, John H. Messinger, Maxwell C. Messinger, Elizabeth L. Messinger,

and Renee C. Messinger.

A memorial service will be held Sunday (July 9) at 3 PM at St. Luke's Episcopal Church; officiated by the Rev. Robert Black. The family will receive friends following the service.

Memorials may be made to Salisbury- Rowan Symphony Society, PO Box 4264, Salisbury, NC 28145; Catawba College, 2300 West Innes St., Salisbury, NC 28144 and St. Luke's Episcopal Church, 131 W. Council Street, Salisbury, NC 28144.

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

Previous Events

Memorial Service

JUL 9. 3:00 PM (ET)

St. Luke's Episcopal Church
131 West Council Street
Salisbury, NC 28144

Tribute Wall

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“ Dear Dwight, Timothy, Stephen and family,

Our sincere condolences with the recent lost of your mother Mrs. Mary Henderson Messinger.

Please know that in loving remembrance your father and mother will always be part of our family. With our great thanks for the freedom in our lives they once gave us.

Frans Hermens and Annie Hermens-Rouwet

and our children

Francine Heynen-Hermens

Véronique Hermens

Norbert Hermens

husbands, wife and grandchildren

‘Gravenshof’, Amby-Maastricht, The Netherlands

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Hermens - July 15, 2017 at 06:28 AM

 Chris Earnhardt

“ Mrs Mary was thought of as the "Queen of Power Curbers" and was loved and highly respected by all. I used to laugh when I'd see her pull in the parking lot back when she was still driving, because I knew she'd have a project for me to work on with her, and I always enjoyed it. She was so gracious and appreciative. Praying for comfort and peace for the entire Messinger family. Chris Earnhardt

Chris Earnhardt - July 09, 2017 at 12:32 PM

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“ To all, our deepest sympathy at this very trying time. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.
Dixie & Thomas Talbert.



Dixie & Thomas Talbert - July 06, 2017 at 05:48 AM

PK

“ We have lost a terrific mother, grandmother, civic and religious leader, in addition to a good moderate Republican! Enjoyed eating many meals with Mary, Doris Alexander, Elinor and Bill Swaim. As is often said about various people, "They don't make 'em like they used to!" There will never be a more wonderful, caring, and compassionate person than Mary Messinger. As her family and many friends mourn her passing, let's celebrate her good life.

Phil Kirk - July 05, 2017 at 01:30 PM