



Mary Patricia Hoffman Safrit Harris

September 8, 1936 - February 11, 2017

Mary Patricia Hoffman Safrit Harris, 80 of Salisbury passed away Saturday, February 11, 2017 at the Lutheran Home at Trinity Oaks after being in declining health for the past year.

Born September 8, 1936 in Salisbury, she was the youngest child of eleven of the late Henry Arthur Hoffman and Ruth Cornelison Hoffman.

Mrs. Harris was educated in the Salisbury City Schools and was a graduate of Boyden High School, Rowan Technical College (RN), and Catawba College (Bachelor of Arts in Psychology).

A woman of many talents and interests, Mrs. Harris worked as a Caseworker for Rowan Social Services, as a school nurse at Catawba College, and as Personnel Director at Meridian Nursing Center. Prior to becoming a registered nurse, she was an office assistant with Dr. Frank Marsh and a homemaker. She also volunteered for and supported many non-profit organizations in the Salisbury area.

She was a member of St. John's Lutheran Church where she served as a Church Council Member, sang in the Chancel Choir for 50 years, was an active member of WELCA, and taught children's Sunday school

A lifelong lover of music, Mrs. Harris played violin in the Salisbury Symphony Orchestra for 20 years and was also active in the Rowan Chorale Society.

She married Ernest C. Safrit Jr. July 1955 and they were blessed with two children. In 1993, Ernest unexpectedly preceded her in death. In 2001, Pat married Harold "Herkey" Harris, who also preceded her in death in the spring of 2016.

Mrs. Harris is survived by her two children with Ernest, Brent Safrit (Amy) of Siler City and Ashley Keppel (George) of Highlands Ranch, CO; grandchildren Margaret (Meg) Safrit of Siler City, Jack Keppel, and Sophie Keppel of Highlands Ranch, CO; a sister, Eleanor

(Suvy) Balestrino of Salisbury; two brothers Al Hoffman (Mary Ann) of Salisbury and Sam Hoffman (Barbara) of Salisbury; sister-in-law Jo Anne Safrit of Greensboro; dozens of nieces and nephews; and her beloved cat, Callie.

The family will receive friends from 6:30-8:30 PM Tuesday at the Summersett Funeral Home.

Funeral services will be conducted at 2 PM – Wednesday (Feb 15) at St. John's Lutheran Church with the Rev. Rhodes Wooley officiating. Interment will follow at Rowan Memorial Park.

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

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 14. 6:30 PM - 8:30 PM (ET)

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“ Ashley and Brent, I am so sorry I will not be able to attend Pat's service. But I will remember her as such a beautiful, gracious, and happy person. You will all be in my thoughts and prayers.

Sarah Earnhardt Thornton - February 13, 2017 at 07:28 PM