



Mary Katherine Schenk

August 4, 1929 - February 6, 2024

Mary Katherine Schenk, 94, of Cleveland, NC passed away peacefully Tuesday, February 6, 2024 at her home surrounded by her family. “Nanny” to her grandchildren, great-grandchildren and great-great grandchild was proud to be blessed to see five generations.

Mary was born August 4, 1929 in Barber Junction, NC at home. The daughter of the late Lonnie Thomas “Jack” Waller and the late Eva Curlee Waller. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband Junior R. “Jerry” Schenk on November 10, 1989; brothers, Jack J. (Dood) Waller and Charles T. “Charlie” Waller.

Mary was a lifelong member of Lebanon Lutheran Church. Her grandpaw Waller would say “Duck come get on my lap so I can put your shoes on.” He then carried Mary to church. Mary taught Sunday school and was a member of WELCA. Mary loved flowers, gardening (especially planting tomatoes), watching butterflies and her bluebirds, and dancing. Mary kept many children in her home who loved her as their “Nanny”. She later helped her daughter at West Rowan Grill.

Left to cherish her memory are her son, Jerry Alan Schenk (Linda) of Port Saint Joe, FL; daughter, Susan “Susie” Saine (Darriell) of Cleveland, NC; grandchildren: Crystal Watkins, Chad Saine (Jennifer) and Brian Saine (Kristin); great-grandchildren: Elizabeth “Danielle” Smith (Will), Noah Williams, Brock, Carson and Garrett Saine and great-grandson: William Smith, Jr. Mary is also survived by many nieces and nephews and cousins she loved.

A special thanks to Dr. Raj Kumar Joshi and caregivers: Becky, Rev. Vaughters, Gloria, Debra, Fannie, Tosha and Ruth and the care team of Iredell Hospice: Bobbie, Tiffany, Shawna and Chaplain Teresa.

The family will receive friends from 2-4 PM Sunday (Feb. 11) at Summersett Funeral Home.

A Funeral Service will be held at 3 PM Monday (Feb 12) at Lebanon Lutheran Church in Cleveland, NC, officiated by Pastor John Tucker and Rev.

Vaughters. Burial will follow in the church cemetery.

Memorials may be made to Glactosemia Foundation, Research, 350 Northern Blvd, STE 324-1079, Albany, NY 12204-1000; Iredell Hospice and Palliative Care, Statesville Home Care and Administration, 2347 Simonton Road, Statesville, NC 28625; or Lebanon Lutheran Church, 1200 Thompson Road, Cleveland, NC 27013.

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

Cemetery Details

Lebanon Lutheran Church Cemetery

Cleveland, NC

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 11. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

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

Funeral Service

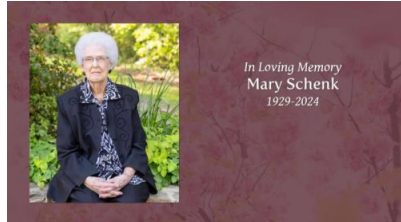
FEB 12. 3:00 PM (ET)

Lebanon Lutheran Church
Cleveland, NC

Tribute Wall



“ *Summersett Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Mary Katherine Schenk*



Summersett Funeral Home and Cremation Center - February 08, 2024 at 02:29 PM

JK

Sorry for your loss, I just found out & want the family to know that I loved her & will miss her

Judy powlas Knight - February 15, 2024 at 07:01 PM

SG

“ *We sure were blessed to have grown up in our wonderful neighborhood. Sweet memories of Mary Katherine. My thoughts are with the Schenk family.*

Shelly Wilhelm Galloway

Shelly Galloway - February 12, 2024 at 09:04 AM



“ *Susie and family so sorry for your loss. Your mom was such a sweet, friendly lady always had a smile. Prayers for you at this difficult time. 🙏*

Linda & Gordon

Linda Miller - February 12, 2024 at 07:54 AM

SB

“ She was a fun, loving, beautiful woman with a heart full of love, kindness & joy. Every time you seen her, she'd be smiling & wanting to know how you were doing. She had a way of lifting you up. And before you knew it, you'd be laughing, smiling. Just be uplifted & forget about what was bothering you. And Susie's the same way. What a blessing she's been to so many people including myself & family. Susie what a blessing to you & your family to have her in your lives. And what an honor to have known her. And an honor to have you in our lives to. Because you are a wonderful, caring, loving & so full of joy & fun like her. Beautiful smile & heart. Thank you for sharing your mom with so many of us. She will be missed. And Lord tell Moma Mary thank you for us. We love you & will miss you. We love you Susie & our hearts & prayers are with you & your family.



Sherry Warren Bunton - February 11, 2024 at 02:29 PM

DT

“ I'm sure Ms. Mary and my daddy are catching up on all the latest news and dancing. My heart hurts for you Susie and family. Love ya, Deanna

deanna Troutman - February 08, 2024 at 07:46 PM

PW

“ Susie, so sorry to hear of your mother passing. I want to extend my condolences to you and your family. You took very good care of your mother and the Lord will truly bless you.



Paula Waiters - February 08, 2024 at 04:27 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mary Katherine Schenk.*



February 08, 2024 at 02:05 PM



“ *Matthew, April, and Gavin Davis planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mary Katherine Schenk.*

Matthew, April, and Gavin Davis - February 08, 2024 at 02:05 PM



“ *Mary Katherine was such a treasured companion for my father, Jesse (a widower at the time) for about six years. They loved to go dancing, frequently at Wildlife Woods campground. Mary & I still kept in touch after my father passed away in 2003. I loved catching up with her & hearing all about her family, which she loved so much! So many good memories of she & my father. She will be missed by many.*

Judy Cowan Morrow - February 08, 2024 at 10:30 AM



“ *Nina F. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mary Katherine Schenk.*

Nina F. - February 07, 2024 at 09:40 PM

LM

“ Susie an family so sorry for your loss. Your mom was a very sweet lady and always had a smile on her face. Prayers for all the family.

Linda Messick - February 07, 2024 at 09:39 PM

NF

“ I am/was very blessed to know this woman. She was one of the good ones. Luckily she made a daughter just like her. I'm sorry I didn't get Isous over there to see you when you asked. Susie I'm praying for you and all your family! I'm so very sorry for your loss. I wish more than anything I could take your pain. I love you all and I pray God gives you all the peace and comfort you guys need.



Nina French - February 07, 2024 at 09:37 PM